Anno quarto et quinto, Philippi & Manæ,

Actes

made at a Parliament begon and holden at Westminster, the .xx. daye of January, in the fourth and fift yeare of the reigne of oure soueraigne Lorde and Lady, Philippe and Marye by the grace of God, kinge and Quene of England, Spayne, Fraunce, both the Sicilles, Jerusalem, and Irelande, defendours of the faith Archidukes of Austria, Dukes of Burgondie, Millaine and Brabant, counties of Haspurge Flaunders, and Tyrol, and there continued and kepte vntyll the .vij. day of Marche, then next folowsinge, and enacted as foloweth.

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HERE sythen the .vii. daye of Julye in the first yeare of the Quenes Maiesties reygne dyuers and sondrye Honors, Castels, Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, seruices, and other hereditamentes, haue bene conueyed and assured to her highnes, her heyres and Successoures, by or from diuers and sondrye persones, & bodies politike, aswel for the discharge and satisfaction of greate debtes, and summes of monye, as for other good considerations. For the perfytte assurance confirmation and further suretye whereof.

Be it enacted ordeyned and establysshed by the kynge and Quenes Maiestyes, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in thys present Parlyament assembled, and by thauctholitie of ỹ same, That all Feoffamentes, Fynes, Surenders, assurances, conueyances and estates in any wise cõueyed had or made, to or for our sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and queenes Maiestyes, or to or for our sayde soueraygne Lady the quene, by or from anye such person or persons, bodies politike or corporate of any such Honors, castels manoures, Lãdes, Tenements, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruyces, or other hereditamentes, for anye debte, summe or summes of monye or other consideration, whatsoeuer, shall stande remayne & be good and auayleable in the lawe to all intentes, constructyons, and purposes, accordynge to the true meanyng, intente and purporte of the same.

Sauynge to all and euerye persone and persones, and to theyr heires bodyes politike and corporate, & to their Successoures, and to euerye of them, (other then suche person or persones, and their heyres and wyues, and euerye of them bodies politike and corporate, & theyr successoures and euerye of them, of or from whome, the kyng & quenes highnes, or the queenes hyghnes onelye hath obteyned or purchased, the sayde premisses, or anye percell thereof, by exchaunge, gyfte, bargayne, fyne, Feoffament, recouerye, dede inrolled or otherwyse) al such right title, interest, vse, possession, rentes reuercions, remainders, Offices, Fees, Commons, profyttes and commodities, whatsoeuer whych they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had of, in or to the premisses or any part therof in as large and ample maner, forme and condition to al intentes cõstructions and purposes, as yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made. Thys present Acte or any thing therein conteyned

ned to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And where aswell our sayd soueraigne lord, & Lady, as oure sayde soueraigne Lady the Quenes highnes, sithens the said. vii. day of July in ꝑ first yere of her maiesties reygne, aswel for diuers & gret sõmes of mony, as also for diuers & sondry other cõsiderations, haue, & hath bargained, sold, giuẽ or grauted by their or her graces sõdry letters patẽts indentures or other writinges, sealed vnder ꝑ gret seale of Englande, or the seale of the Duchye of Lancaster, aswell to bodyes politike & corporate, as to diuers and sondrye other their louing & obedient subiects diuers and sondry honors, castels, manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, & other hereditamentes, in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, lyfes or yeares, as in the same seuerall letters patents, indentures, and other wrytinges, is mentioned & declared. And to thintent the same letters patentes, indentures, & other writinges, shuld be of good auayleable and perfit force & effect, to al and euery her highnes louyng Subiectes, according to the true meaning & effect of the same.

Oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and Quene, are contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thauctorytye of this present parliamente. And therefore by oure sayde Soueraigne lorde, and lady, the kyng and quenes maiesties, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and ꝑ commons in this present parliamente assembled, be it enacted and established, ꝑ aswel al and singuler letters patentes, indentures and other writinges Sealed vnder the greate Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, and heretofore made or graunted by our sayde Soueraygne lorde and lady, the kyng and Quene, or by our sayde soueraigne lady the Quene, for any sũmes of monye, or for and vpon any other consideratiõs, as all other letters patẽtes, hereafter to be made by our said soueraygne lord & ladye, for any summe or sũmes of monye during the space of Seuen yeares nexte ensuynge the makynge of thys acte, to anye bodie politike, or corporate or to any other persõ or personnes, whatsoeuer, of any honors, castels, manors, lordeshippes, graunges, Meses, lãdes, tenementes, medowes pastures, rentes, reuertions, seruyces, woodes, aduousons, nompnations, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, condytyons, fetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchyses, or of anye other hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces, or of any part or percell of them sealed with or vnder the greate seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Duchy of Lancaster, of whatsoeuer kynde, nature, or qualytye they or any of thẽ be or shalbe reputed knowen or taken, w̃ their appurtenaunces or any part or percell of thẽ, shalbe good perfyt and effectual in ꝑ lawe, and shal stand, be takẽ, reputed, demed, & adiudged good perfit sure auayleable & effectual in the lawe, aswel agaynst the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, as agaynste the quene her heires and successors accordynge to the tenor of the said letters patẽts, the same to be expounded cõstrued demed & adiudged most beneficial for the patentees

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and grauntees of the same, according vnto the wordes & purport of euery the said letters patents, without any confirmation, licence, or tolleration of the quene, her heires or successors, any misnaming, misrecitall, or non recitall of any the same honors, castels, maners, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses or any percell therof, or any lacke of syndyng of offices, or inquisitions of and in the premisses, wherby the title of the Quenes highnes therin ought to haue ben founde before the makyng of the same letters patentes or other writinges, or any misrecital or none recitall of leases therof before made, as well of record as not of record, or any lacke of the certaintie miscastinge, rating, or setting forth of the yearely values and rates of the premisses, or of the yearely rentes reserued of & for the premisses or any percel therof, mentioned or conteined in any the sayd letters patentes, or other writinges, or for that the premisses be, or any part thereof is valued to a more or lesse value in the sayd letters patentes or writinges, then the said manors, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, then were or shalbe in yearly value, or anye misnamyng of the townes, Hamletes, parysshes, or counties wher the same honours, Castelles, manors, landes tenementes, rentes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses and euery percell thereof, or any percel therof lien or ben or any lacke of the true naminge of the landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or of the natures, kindes, sortes, or quantities of the sayde possessions or hereditamentes or any percel thereof, or any lacke of the true naming of the corporation, or any lacke of attornement, liuery, or seasen, or any misnamning of any the late tenauntes or fermours of the same so sold or geuen, not withstandyng.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie afore sayd, that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned shall not extende to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength the the same letters patents were or shuld haue ben before ỹ making of this act.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by thauct houtie afore said, that all and singuler suche patentees, grauntees, and donees, and euerye of them, which at any tyme heretofore sithens the sayde seuenth day of July haue obteyned and gotten of our sayde Soueraygne Lord and Lady the kyng and Quene or of any of them, or at any tyme hereafter duryng the space of seuen yeares, shall obtaine and get of our sayd Soueraigne lord and lady the king and Quene that nowe be, or of any of them, by way of exchaunge, or for any summe or summes of monye, any letters patentes of any monasteryes, abbathies, priories, nonneries, or other ecclesiasticall possessions, or of any percell of them, or of any other manours, Landes, Tenementes or hereditaments whatsoeuer, wythout the date and makyng of anye the same letters patentes so made, sithens the sayd seuenth daye of July, or hereafter to be made durynge the space of seuen yeares as is afore sayde, were or shalbe of better and more yearely value vnto the kynge and Queenes highnes or to anye of them, in yerely rent and ferme, then was, is, or shalbe conteined, mentioned or specified in any suche letters patentes, or in the perticulers or rate thereof made or to be made by any auditur or auditours, surueyour or surueyours

or other officer, that then euerye suche patentee, grauntee, and donee, theyr heyres executours or assignes and euery of them, within one yeare next after office and other due profe order and decre therof made and had, or to be made and had within the space and terme of tenne yeares nexte after thys present parliament in the courte of the eschequer, shal content and paye vnto the quenes maiestie her heires and successours, for the same ouerplus and more value of the same monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonneries, manors landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, whatsoeuer, with their appurtenannces, so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchaunged as is aforesayde, after the rate of twenty yeares purchase, and accordinge to the yearlye value and rate as the same manours, Landes, tenementes, and other heredytamentes whatsoeuer, were at the time of the making of any suche letters patentes so made, or to be made in maner & fourme aforesaid. Any thyng cōteined in any such letters patentes to the contrary in any wise not wstanding.

Prouyded also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any prouision therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to confyrme, ratifye, or make good anye lease or leases, made or to be made by our sayde Soueraigne Lord and Lady the kynge and Queene, or by anye of them for terme of life, lifes, or for yeares, wherevpon the olde and accustomed rentes or more, be not, or hereafter shall not be reserued, and yearelye payable during the time and terme of euerye suche lease, nor that thys presente acte shall in any wyse extende to reuiue or make good anye letters patentes made of any office or offices to any comptroller, customer, alneger, sercher, ne to anye letters patentes of the graunt of any other office or offices heretofore graunted or made by the kyng and Quenes maiestie, or any of them, whiche nowe be or at anye tyme heretofore haue ben adnichylated determined or made voide by iudgment, by aucthoritie of parliament, or by decree, nor to anye patente to be made to any person or persons for terme of yeares or duryng ẏ minoritie of any heyre of any manours, Landes, or tenementes, whereof any trauarse hereafter shalbe tendred within three monethes after any office founde and certified into anye of the kinges courtes of recorde, ne to make good anye letters patentes made by oure sayde Soueraigne lorde and Lady or any of them, of any office or offices to be of anye other effecte force or strength then the same letters patentes were or shuld haue bene before the makyng of this acte.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte or any thyng therein conteined, shall not extend to any letters patentes which at any tyme herofore sithen the beginninge of the Queenes maiesties reigne haue ben made or hereafter shalbe made by the kynge and quenes highnes, or by the quenes maiestie onely, to any person or persones of any manours Landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, or other hereditamentes, by force of any information, suite, or suggestion, made, or to be made to her highnes, that the same manoures, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, so conteyned in any suche letters patentes, were concealed landes, nor to any letters patentes heretofore made by our sayde soueraigne Lord and lady the kyng and Quenes maiestyes, or any of them,

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to Raufe Jackſon clerke, nowe maiſter of the hoſpitall of the Sauoy in the pariſhe of Saynt Clementes Dacozum, without the barres of the new temple London, and to his bzethzen, beyng perpetuall Chaplaynes of the ſame Hoſpitall, and to theyz ſucceſſours, but that the ſame letters patentes and euery of them, ſhall ſtande, remayne, and be in the ſame foꝛce ſtrengthe, and effecte, as they were beſoꝛe the makyng of this acte, any thing in thys acte mentioned to the contrary not withſtandyng.

And where the manour of Southwell in the countie of Nottingham, and alſo the Scite and pꝛocincte of the colledge of Southwell in' the ſame countie together, with diuers other landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to the ſayd late colledge lately belongyng oꝛ appertaining, were conueied and aſſured by indenture, fine, oꝛ otherwyſe, by oꝛ from Jhon Beamoũt eſquyer, vnto our late Soueraygne Loꝛd kynge Edwarde the Syxt and to his heires and ſucceſſours, foꝛ the diſcharge and ſatiſfactyon of dyuers great ſummes of mony, wherein the ſame Jhon Beamounte was indetted to the ſaid late king. Be it enacted and eſtabliſhed by the aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſayde, that the ſaid cõueyaunce and aſſuraunce ſhalbe perfect, good, ſufficyente and auayleable againſte the ſayde Beamounte and his heyꝛes, to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes, accoꝛding to the purpoꝛt, tenoꝛ, and true meaning of the ſame conueiaunces and aſſurauances. Sauing to al and euery perſon oꝛ perſons, and bodies politike and coꝛpoꝛate, their heires and ſucceſſours and euery of them, other then the ſayd Jhon Beamount, his wyfe, and hys heyꝛes, and all other clayminge any eſtate oꝛ intereſt by oꝛ from thẽ oꝛ any of thẽ ſithens the ſame conueiaunce and aſſuraunce, al ſuche right, tytle, intereſt, poſſeſſion, eſtate, leaſes, rentes, ſeruices, commons, and all other pꝛofites and commodities whatſoeuer, as they oꝛ anye of them, ſhoulde, oꝛ might haue had if this acte had neuer ben had ne made. Any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

An Acte foꝛ the hauing of hoꝛſe, armour, and weapon.

The. ii. chapter.

FOR THE BETTER furniture and defence of this realme. Be it enacted by the kynge and quenes maieſties, with thaſſents of the loꝛds ſpiritual and tempoꝛal and the commons in this pꝛeſent parliamente aſſembled and by aucthoꝛitie of the ſame that almuch of al & euery acte and Statute concernyng onely the keping oꝛ fyndinge of hoꝛſe, hoꝛſes, oꝛ armoure, oꝛ of any of them heretofoꝛe made oꝛ pꝛouyded, and all & euery foꝛfeyture, and penaltye, concerning onelye the ſame, ſhalbe frõ hence foꝛth vtterly voyde repealed and of none effect. And be it further enacted by thaucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſayd, that euerye noble man, gentelman & other tempoꝛal perſon, after the rate & pꝛopoꝛtion hereafter declared ſhall haue & kepe in a redines ſuch hoꝛſes, geldinges, Armoure & other furniture foꝛ ỹ wars, at the leſt, & in ſuch ſoꝛt & maner as is & ſhalbe in this acte hereafter expꝛeſſed and declared. That is to ſaye, all and euerye perſon tempoꝛall, hauynge any honoꝛs, loꝛdeſhippes, manours, houſes, landes, meadowes, paſtures oꝛ woodes

woodes of estate of inheritaunce or fre holde, to the clere yerely value of one thousand pound or aboue, shall from & after the first day of May, which shal be in the yere of our lord god, a thousand. v. hundred fifty & eight, haue, kepe, kepe susteine & mainteine w̄in this realme of Englād, of their owne proper and at their owne proper costes and expences. vi. horses, or geldynges, able for dimilaunces, wherof .iii. of thē at the least to be horses, wyth sufficyente harnesses, steele sadels and weapon, requisite and apperteyning to the sayd demylaunces, horses or geldinges, and tenne light horses or geldinges able and mete for light horsemen, with the furniture of harnes and weapon requisite for the same. And also forty corselettes furnished, forty almayne ryuettes or in stede of the said almaine riuettes, forty cotes of plate, corseletes or brygandynes furnished, forty pykes. rrr long bowes. rrr. sheles of arrowes. rrr. steele cappes or sculles. rr. blacke bylles or halberdes. rr. haquebuttes, and twenty morians or salletes. And euery person temporal hauing any honors, lordeshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woods, of any such estate as is aforesaid, to the clere yearelye value of a thousande markes, or aboue, and vnder the cleare yearelye value of a thousande pound, shall haue, kind, susteyne and mainteine within thys realme of theyr owne proper and at their owne proper costes and expences, foure horses or geldinges, able for demilaunces whereof two at the leaste to be horses, with suffycyente harnesses, and weaponne, and saddells mete and requysyte to the syade demylaunces Horses or Geldynges, and syxte lyghte horses or geldynges, able and mete for lighte horsemen, with furnyture of harnes, and weapon requysyte for the same. And also of armor and weapō. rrr. corseletes furnished, rrr. almayne ryuettes, or in stede of the sayde almayne ryuettes rrr. cotes of plate, corselettes or brygandines furnyshed. rrr. pykes, twentye longe bowes. rr. sheles of arrowes. rr. steele cappes or sculles, ten blacke billes or halbertes, tenne haquebuttes, and tenne morians or sallettes. And euery person temporall hauing honors, lordshipes, manors houses, Landes, meadowes, pastures, or wodes of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yerely value of foure hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder the clere yearly value of a thousande markes shal haue, finde, kepe, susteine and meynteyne as is aforesayd two horses, or one horse and one geldyng able for dymylaunces, with sufficient furniture of harnes, steele sadels and weapō for the same as is aforesayde, and foure geldynges able for lyght horsemen with suffycyent harnes and weapon for the same, and also. rr. corselettes furnyshed. rr. almayne riuettes furnished, or in stede of almayne riuettes, twenty cotes of plate corselettes or brigādines furnished, twēty pykes, fyftene longe bowes fyftene sheles of arrowes, fyftene steele cappes or sculles, sixe haquebuttes, and sixe morians or salletes. And that euerye person temporal hauing lord shippes, manours, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or wods, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yearely value of. CC. poundes or aboue, and vnder the clere yerely value of. CCCC. poūdes shal from the said fyxte day of May, haue kepe susteine and mainteine. i. gret horse or geldinge able for a dimilaunce, with sufficient furniture of harnes, steeled sadle, & weapon

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for the same, & two geldinges, able for light horsemē wᵗ harnes & weapons sufficient, as is aforesayd, for the same, and also ten corselettes furnished, ten almaine riuettes, or in the place of almaine riuettes .x. cotes of plate, corselettes or brigandines furnished. x. pikes. viii. long bowes viii. sheles of arrowes. viii. steele cappes or sculles, three haquebutes, & three morians or sallettes. And euery person temporal hauing any lord shippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yerely value of one hundred poūdes, or aboue, & vnder the yerely value of .ii. hundred pounides shal from and after the sayd first daye of May, haue, kepe, and mayntayne (as is aforesayd) two geldinges, able and mete for light horsemē with sufficient harnes, and weapon requisite for the same. And also three corselettes furnished, three almaine riuettes, or in stede of them soo manye cotes of plate, corselettes, or brygandines furnished. iii. pikes. iii. longe bowes, three sheles of arrowes, three steele cappes or sculles, two haquebuttes, and two morians or sallettes. And also euery person temporall hauinge lordeshippes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures, or woodes, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to the clere yerely valewe of a hundred markes or aboue, and vnder the yearely value of a hundred pounides, frō the said first day of May, shal haue, kepe, mainteine and susteyne one geldinge able and mete for a light horsemā, wᵗ the harnes & weapō sufficient & requisit for the same, two corselettes furnished, two almaine riuettes, or in stede of ꝑ same, two cotes of plate, or brigādines furnished, two pikes, two lōg bowes, two sheles of arrowes .ii. steele cappes or sculles. i. haquebut. i. morian or salet. And also euerye person tēporal, hauing lordships, manors, houses, lands, meadowes pastures or woods, of any such estate as is aforesayd, to ꝑ yerely value of. xl. poūdes or aboue, & vnder the yearely value of a hundred markes, shal frō & after ꝑ said first day of May, haue mainteine & kepe. ii. corselettes furnished. ii. almaine ryuettes, or in stede of the same. ii. cotes of plate, corselettes or brigādines furnished, two pikes, one long bowe, one shele of arrowes, one steele cap or scull. ii. haquebuttes. ii. morians or sallettes. And also euery persō tēporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, landes meadowes, pastures, or woods of any such estate as is aforesayde, to the clere yerely value of. xx. pounides or aboue, and vnder the yerelye value of fourtye pounides, shal frō ꝑ said first day of May, haue, kepe, & maynteyne one corselet furnished, one pike, one haquebut, one morā or sallet, one long bowe, one shele of arrowes, & one steele cap or scull. And also euery persō tēporal hauing lordships, manours, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woods, of any such estate as is aforesaide, to ꝑ cleare yerely value of. x. pounides or aboue, & vnder the yearelye value of. xx. poūd, shal frō & after the said day haue, kepe, & susteine one almaine ryuette, cote of plate or brygandyne furnyshed, one haquebutte. i. morryan or sallet, & one long bowe, & one shefe of arrowes, one steele cap or scul. And also euery persō tēporal hauing lordships, manors, houses, lāds,

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meadowes, pastures or woodes, of suche estate as is aforesayde, to the clere yerely value of fyue poundes or aboue, & vnder the yerely value of x. pounds, shall from and after the sayd first day of May, haue kepe, & susteyne one cote of plate furnished, one blacke byll, or halbert, one long bowe, one shefe of arrowes, and one steele cap, or scull. And also euery persionne temporall, hauing goodes or cattells to the value of one thousande markes or aboue, shall from the sayde firste daye of Maye, haue fynde, kepe, susteine, and meintayne as is aforesayde, one horse, or geldynge able for a demylaunce, with sufficient harnes, steele sadle, & weapon requisit and conueniente for the same, and one geldynge able and mete for a light horseman, with harnes and weapon sufficiente and requisite as is aforesayd for the same, or eightene corselets furnished in ye stede of the sayde horse, and geldynge, and furniture of the same at hys choyse. And also shal from the same day haue, find, kepe, and maynteine of armoure and weapon, two corselettes furnyshed, two almayne ryuettes, or for the same almouryuettes, two cotes of plate, two corselettes, or two brygandynes furnyshed, two pykes, foure longe bowes, foure shefe of arrowes, foure steele cappes or sculles, and three haquebuttes, with thre morians, or saliettes. And also euery person temporal hauynge goodes or cattells, to the values hereafter in this present acte, specyfyed and declared, shall from and after the sayd first daye of May haue fynde, kepe, susteyne and maynteyne suche geldinges, armoure, weapon and furniture for warre as is hereafter declared. That is to saye, hauynge to the value of foure hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder the value of a thousande markes, one geldinge able and meate for a lyght horseman with sufficient harnes and weapon requysyte, and mete for the same or. iv. corselettes furnished, at hys electyon, and also shall haue, finde, and kepe one other corselette furnished, one pyke, two almayne ryuettes, or plate cotes or brygandynes furnyshed, one haquebut, two longe bowes, two shefes of arrowes, and two steele cappes or sculles. And hauinge in goodes and cattells, to the valewe of two hundred pounde or aboue, and vnder foure hundred, one corselette, furnyshed one pyke two almayne ryuettes, plate cotes, or brygandynes, furnyshed one haquebut, one murryan or salet, two longe bowes and two shefe of arrowes, and two sculles or steele cappes. And hauing in goods and cattells to the value of a hundred poundes or aboue, and vnder. ii. hundred, one corselette furnyshed, and one pyke, one payre of almayne ryuyttes, one plate cote, or payre of brygandine furnyshed, two longe bowes, and two shefes of arrowes, and two sculles. And hauynge as is aforesayde, in goodes and cattels, to the value of fourtye poundes, or aboue, and vnder a hundred poundes, two payre of almon ryuettes, or two cotes of plate or brygandynes furnyshed, one longe bowe and one shefe of arrowes, one steele cappe or scull, and one blacke byll, or halbert. And hauynge as is aforesayde in goodes and cattelles to the va-

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lewe of.xx.poundes or aboue, and vnder.xl.poundes, one payre of almayne riuettes, or one cote of plate, or one paire of bryganduynes, two longe bowes, two sheues of arrowes, two sculles or steele cappes, and one blacke bill or halbert. And hauing as is aforesayde to the value of tenne poundes or aboue, and vnder twenty poundes, one longe bowe, one sheue of arrowes, with one steele cappe or scull, and one blacke bill or halbert. And also that euerye personne temporall, not beynge aboue charged by this acte, hauinge, or that hereafter shall haue any annuitie or annuities, or yearely fee or fees for terme of life, or of any estate of inheritaunce, or any copyhold or copyholdes, for terme of lyfe, or of anye estate of inheritaunce, to the cleare yearelye value of.xxx. poundes or aboue, shalbe charged and chargeable with such furniture of warre as is aforesayde, in euery degree, qualitie, and condition, according to the proportions and rates before expressed, lymytted, and appoynted for goodes and cattells.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that euerye personne whyche by vertue of the acte made in the parliament holden at Westminster in the.xxxiii. yeare of the raygne of kynge Henrye the eyght, was bounde (by reasonne that his wyfe should weare such kind of aparell or other thinge, as in the same statute is specially mentioned and declared) to kepe or synde one great stoned trottinge horse, and is not by this act before charged, to haue mayntayne, and kepe anye horse or geldinge, shall from the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, haue, kepe, and maynteyne one geldinge, able and mete for a light horseman, with sufficient harnes and weapon for the same, in such maner and fourme as euery temporall personne hauinge landes, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes of such estate as is aforesayde, of the cleare yearely value of one hundred marckes, is charged or appoynted to find haue and mayntayne by this present acte.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye personne chargeable by thys acte, as is aforesayde, shall by the space of any thre whole monethes after the sayde fyrst daye of Maye, lacke or wante the sayde number and kindes of horses, geldinges, armoure, weapon, and furniture aforesayde, or anye of them, after suche rate, proportion, maner, and fourme as is in this acte aboue limitted, declared, and appoynted. That then euery suche personne shall forfeyte and lose for euerye suche thre monethes that he shal so lacke and want the same number and kyndes of horses, geldinges, armoure, weapon, and furniture, or any parte thereof, for euery horse or geldynge so lackynge, ten poundes, and for euery dimilaunce and furniture of the same thre poũdes, and for euery corselet and furniture of the same, xl.s. and for euery almayne ryuette, cote of plate, or brigandine, and the furniture of the same, xx.s. and for euery bow & sheue of arrowes, bil, halbert, haquebut steele cappe, scull, morryan and sallet, x.s. the one moytie of which saide

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forfeytures, shalbe to the kynge and Queene our Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, and to theyres and successours of the same our soueraigne ladye, and the other moytye to him or them that wyll sue for the same in anye courte of recorde, by byll, playnte, action of debte, or informatyon, in the which byll, playnte, action or information, no wager of lawe essoine, or protection shall be allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the inhabitauntes of euerye citie, borroughe, towne, paryshe, and hamlette within this realme, other then such as are specially charged before in this acte, shall haue, finde, kepe, susteyne, and mainteyne, at theyr common charges and expences, suche harnes, and weapon, and as muche therof as shalbe appointed by the comissioners of our sayd soueraygne lorde and ladye, and of the heyres and successoures of the same our soueraygne ladye, for the musters or bewe of armoure within such citie, borroughe, towne, paryshe or hamlette, there to be kepte in suche place as by the sayd comissioners shal be appointed. And the numbers and kindes thereof to be written and compyled in a payre of indentures, to be made betweene the sayde commissioners or two of them at the leaste, and twelue, eyght, or foure of the chefest of euerye suche citie, borroughe towne, parishe, or hamlette, wherof one part to remaine with the cheif officer of the same citie, borroughe, towne, paryshe, or hamlette, and the other part to remayne with the clerke of the peace of the shyre or countye where euerye suche citie, towne, borough, paryshe, or hamlette shall staunde or be. And if the same inhabitauntes of euery such citie, borough towne, paryshe, or hamlette, other then suche as are specially (as is aforesayde) charged shall lacke or wante suche harnes or weapons, or any parte thereof, as shall be vnto them appoynted by the sayde comissioners for the musters or bewe of armour, as is aforesayde, by the space of any thre monethes together next after any such appointment made, that then the same inhabytauntes shall forfeyt for euerye the sayde thre monethes for euery suche harnes or weapons so lackynge after the rate aboue limitted, the one moytie thereof to be to our sayd soueraigne lord and ladye, and to theyres and successours of our said soueraygne lady, and thother moytie to him or them that wyll sue for the same in any of the courtes of recorde of our sayde soueraygne lorde and Ladye, and of the heyres and successoures of the same oure soueraygne Lady, by byll playnte, action of debte, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, essoyne or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the lorde Chauncelloure of Englande for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this presente acte, from tyme to tyme to graunte out commissions vnder the great seale of England, to the Justices of peace within euerye shyre or countie of this realme, or to so many of them as by his discretion shal be thought mete and conuenyente

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for the appointinge and limittinge of the sayde harnesses and weapõs, to be founde, kept, and mainteined, in euery such citie, borough towne parishe, and hamlette, at the common charges of the inhabytauntes thereof, as is aforesayde.

Prouyded alwayes, that thys acte or any thinge therein conteined shall not extende to take awaye or dyscharge anye tenaunt, or seruour of his seruice or couenaunte towardes his Lorde, for the fyndinge of horse, armoure or weapon, or for doynge of seruice by him selfe or anye other, whyche, by the tenure of his lande or ferme, he is bounde to do at the time of makinge of this acte, but that he shall yelde, paye, and doo the same in as large ample maner and fourme, as though this act had neuer bene had ne made.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that the iustices of peace, of euery Shire, shall haue power and auctoritie by vertue of thys acte, from time to tyme, to make search and bewe of and for the sayde furnytures of horses, geldinges, armoure and weapon, to be founde maynteined and kept by any person abouesayde, hauinge lordshyppes, manors, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures or woodes to ye clere yerelye value of. CC. poundes or vnder, and not aboue the yearly value of. CCCC. pounds, or to be found, mainteined or kept by any person or persons chargeable by this act, by reason of hys or theyr goodes, cattels, annuities, fees, or copyholdes as is aforesayd, and to heare and determine at their quarter Sessions all and euery the defaultes committed or done contrary to thys acte, within the countye, where suche Sessions shalbe kept, by inquisition, presentment, byll, or informatyon before them exhibited, or by examination of two lawefull wytnes, at the discretion of the same Justices, & to awarde processe therevpon as thoughe they were indicted before them by verdict of. xii. men or more. And vpon the conuiction of the offender by information or suit of anye other then the king or the quene, or of theires or successoures of ye quene to make estreates of the one moitie of the sayd forfeytures to be leuied to thuse of our sayd soueraygne lord and ladye, or of theires or Successors of the same our soueraigne ladye, as they vse to doo of other fynes issues, and amercyamentes, growynge in the Sessyons of peace, and to awarde execution of the other moytie for the compleynaunte or informer agaynst the offender, by *fieri facias* or *capias*, as the kynges Justyces at Westminster, maye doo and vse to doe. And yf anye suche conuiction shal hereafter happen at thonely sute of oure sayde soueraygne lorde and ladye, or of the heires or successours of the same oure Soueraygne ladye, that then the whole forfeytures to be estreated and leuyed to their vses onely.

And be it further enacted by the auctoryte aforesayde, that whensoeuer anye personne shall at anye tyme hereafter be conuycted by vertue of thys acte, for anye defaulte or thynge mentyoned

in this acte, that then the same person shal not otherwyse or eftsones be vexed, troubled, sued or conuicted for the same defaulte or thinge, wherfore he shalbe so conuicted.

And be it moreouer enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye Souldioure shall at any tyme hereafter make sale of hys horse harnes, and weapon, or anye of them contrarye to the fourme of the sayde statute, made in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeares of the sayde late kynge, that then not onely the same Souldyoure shall incurre the penaltyes of that statute, but also the sayde sale made by suche souldioure to any personne or personnes knowing him to be a souldior shalbe voyde and of none effecte, agaynst him or them that found or set forth the sayde horse, harnesse, and weapon, or anye of them, to, or for the furniture of suche souldioure to serue with the same.

Prouyded alwayes, that no person shall be impeached or troubled for any offence done contrary to this acte, onlesse presentmente or sute thereof be had, made, or taken win one yeare next after thoffence done any thinge in this acte to ye contrary therof in any wyse notwstādyng.

Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if at any tyme hereafter it shal fortune any person or persons aforesayd, to be sued or impeched for any forfeyture or penaltye, for not hauynge, susteyninge, or kepynge such furniture of corselets, pykes, haque buttes, or morians, as by this acte is before limitted, rated, and appointed, and for his or theyr excuse and aunswere, shall alleage and pleade that the same furniture so lackinge, coulde not by him or them conueniently be had, gotten, or prouyded, for want and lacke of the same within this realme, accordynge to the tenure and purporte of thys acte, the same matter of wante and lacke as is aforesayde, shal be allowed, and taken for a good and sufficient aunswere and barre in the lawe, in case it be true, and if the same be deneied or trauersed, ye therevpon an issue shalbe ioyned, and that the triall shall be of euerye such issue onelye had by the certificate to be made by the Lorde Chauncelloure, Lord Treasurer, the Lorde president of the councell, the Lorde Steward of the Kynges and Queenes moost honorable householde, the Lorde pryuye Seale, the Lorde Admyrall, and the lorde Chamberlayne of the sayde householde, or by thre of them, in wrytynge vnder theyr seales, or the seales of thre of them, this presente acte, or anye statute, lawe, or vsage heretofore had to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no personne or personnes chargeable by vertue of thys Acte, to or for the fyndynge or hauynge of anye Horse, Geldynge, Armoure, Weapon, or furnyture for the warre, as is aforesayde, shall be charged with the same, or with any of them both, for his manoures, houses, landes, meadowes, pastures and woodes, and also for his goodes, cattelles, fermes, leases, copyholdes, rentes, annuities.

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Prouided also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that thys acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extende or be adiudged or interpreted, to abrogate, repeale, or make void any part, sentence, matter, clause, article, or thinge, conteyned or specyfied in the statute, made in the .xxviii. yeare of the raygne of the late noble Prynce of worthy memory king Henry the eight, for or concerning the hauyng of long bowes and arrowes, & the vsing, order, exercisyng and mayntenaunce of archerye, and shotinge in longe bowes, but that the same statute, and euerye article, clause, sentence, and thinge therein conteyned and specified, touching, or in any wyse concernynge the hauinge of longe bowes, arrowes, vsinge, order, exercisynge, or mayntenaunce of archerye, and shotinge in longes bowes, shall stande and remayne in force, and be obserued, perfourmed, and kepte, accordynge to the tenure, effecte, and true meaning of the sayd acte, vpon the paynes conteyned in the same, as this acte had not bene hadde ne made, thys present acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandynge.

Prouyded also, that yf it shall fortune the sayd furniture of armor aforesayde, or anye part thereof, at any tyme hereafter to be lost or spent in any seruice of defence of this realme, or elles the horses or geldinges aforesayde, to be kylled or distroyed, or els by some other occasion to be dead, that in such case or cases, no person or persones shalbe charged vp anye forfeyture or penaltye aforesayde, for not hauing such quantitie or number of armoure, horses, or geldinges as is aforesayde, so that he or they within one yeare next after such losse or want, do supply the same agayne in al poinctes, accordyng to the true mening and purport of this acte, any thing in the same act to the contrary therof notwithstanding. Prouyded also, that the want of any gauntlet or gauntletes, shall not be demed, accoumpted, or taken for anye lacke or wante of furnyture for a corselet, any wordes before expressed, soundinge to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons charged with the fyndynge of any haquebut and his or theyr seruaunt or seruauntes, shal and maye exercise and vse shotinge in the same haquebutte, at suche markes as are limitted and appointed by the statute made in the .xxviii. yeare of the raygne of king Henry the eyghte, or at theyr owne proper games, so that they cary not or vse not the same haquebut in any hygh waye, vnlesse it be comynge or goynge to or from the musters, or marchyng towardes or from the seruyce of defence of the realme, any clause or article in the sayd acte of the .xxviii. yeare, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwayes, that this acte ne any thinge therein conteined shall extende to charge any person or persons, dwellinge or abydynge within the countryes of Northwales, and Southwales, and wythin

the county Palentine of Lancaster and Chester, or either of them, with the findinge or hauing of any haque butte, but that they and euerye of them, shall and may at theyr will, liberte, and pleasure, haue and kepe in stede and place of euerye haquebutte, charged by thys acte, one longbowe, and one sheafe of arrowes, ouer and besides suche other armoure and munition as is by the lawes of this realme limitted and appoynted, anye thynge in thys acte to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

Prouyded alwayes that the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or keper of the greate seale for the tyme beyng, shall and maye from tyme to time by vertue of the kinge and Quenes highnes commission, name assigne, and appoint commissioners in euery citie, borough, and towne corporate, wherein there be Justices of the peace, as well in Englande as in Wales, so many of the same Justyces of peace, with suche and as manye other personnes, to be ioyned with them dwellinge oute of the sayd cities, borowes, and townes corporate, as he or they shall thynke mete, to take vewe of armoure in euerye of the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, accordyng to thys presente acte, and also to assigne what harnes and armoure shall be prouyded and kepte by the inhabitaunites of euerye suche citie, boroughe, and towne corporate, as is aforesayde, accordyng to this present acte.

An Acte for the takyng of musters.

The. iij. chapter.

WHERE heretofore commaundement hath ben geuen by the kinge and Queenes maiesties, and other the progenitours of the Queenes Maiestye, kynges of this realme, to diuers and sondrye personnes, to muster their maiesties people and subiects of this theyr realme of England, and to leuye a number of them for the seruice of theyr maiesties and of thys Realme, in theyr warres, suche as were most hable and likeliest to serue well in the same, whyche seruyce hath ben greatly hyndered, as well for that a greate number hath absented them from the sayde musters, which oughte to haue come to the same, as also for that manye of the moost hable and likelye men for that seruyce, haue bene throughe frendshyp or rewardes, released, forborne and discharged of the sayd seruice, & some other not beyng able or mete taken, appoynted, and chosen thereunto, and yet the same disabilities vnaptnes notwithstandinge, the same vnable & vnmete persons vpon summes of mony, or other kinde of rewardes, or exactions by thē paid, to some such as had the order of the saide musters, haue ben also released and discharged of the sayd seruice, to the great impouerishmente of

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the subiectes, and cheyfely to the great peryl and daunger of this noble realme, in the hinderaunce of the true and necessary seruice therof.

For remedye whereof, be it enacted by the kyng and quene our soue raygne lord and lady, with thassent of the lordes Spirituall and tem porall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that yf anye person or personnes, that shalbe commaunded, at any time hereafter, generally, or specially, to muster afore any such as shall haue auctoritie or commaundement for ꝑ same by or from the kyng and qnenes Maiesties, or by theires or successors of the quenes maiestie, or by any lieutenaunte, wardeine or other per son or personnes auctho̅rised for the same, do willingly absente hym or them selfes from the same musters, hauyng no true and reasonable ex cuse of sycknes, or other lawefull impediminte, or at their apparaũce at such musters, do not bryng with them such theyr best furniture of ar raye, and armoure, as he or they shal then haue for hys or their owne person in a redines, shall for euery such defaulte and offence, haue and suffer impysonmente by the space of ten dayes, without baile or maine pryce, by the commaundemente of such as shall haue auctho̅ritie as is afore sayd, to take the same musters, onlesse he or they soo offending as is afore sayd, doo agre to or with the said commissioners, or two of the̅, to pay to thuse of the kyng and quene our soueraigne lord and Lady, or of the heires and successoures of the same, our soueraygne ladye, for euery suche offence, forty shyllynges for a fyne, which sayde fyne after agrement for the payment of the same as is afore sayd shalbe certified and estreated into the court of the escheker at Westminster, by such as shall haue power to take the sayd musters as is afore sayd, or by two of the̅, vnder their seales or ꝑ seales of two of the̅, within the space of two monethsnext after such agrement, to pay the sayde fyne had or made and the same fyne so estreated to be leuyed in such fourme as fynes as sessed by the Justices of assise, or of Gaole deliuerye, in their circuytes are vsed to be leuyed.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie afore sayde, that yf any person or personnes which at any time or times hereafter shall be commaunded or appointed by the kyng and Quene our Soueraigne Lorde and lady, or by the heires and successours of the same our soue raygne Lady, by their commission, letters, or otherwise auctho̅rised, to leuye muster or make anye men to serue in their warres, or otherwyse for the defence of this realme, do by any meane exact, leuye, receaue, or take, or cause to be taken any su̅me or su̅mes of mony, or other reward or thing whatsoeuer, of any person or persons, for seruice in the wares, or that shalbe appointed, named or mustred to serue in ani such seruice or for the sparynge, releasyng or dischargyng of such person or persons from the sayd seruice, that then euery such person that so shall offende in exactyng, receauyng or takyng by any waies or meanes anye su̅me

or ſummes of mony or other reward, or thing whatſoeuer as is afore-ſayd, ſhall for ſuch offence forfeite .x. times ſo much as he ſhal ſo receiue exact or take.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that if any cappytayne, pety capitaine or other, hauyng charge of men for ſeruyce in warre, ſhall for any aduauntage, lucre or gaine by him to be taken, or receyued, dyſcharge or lycence any of the ſouldiours, or men appoynted to ſerue in the warres, vnder his rule or order, to departe from the ſame ſeruice, or ſhall not paye vnto his ſouldiours and to euery of them their full and whole wages, conducte and coate monye, within tenne dayes next after that ſuch cappytayne, pety capitaine, or other hauyng charge of men as is aforeſayd, ſhall haue receyued the ſame, that then the party ſo offendyng in geuing anye ſuch lycence or dyſcharge as is afore ſayd, ſhal loſe & forfeite for euery ſuch offence, ten times the value of the thing ſo taken or receyued, and ſhal alſo pay to euerye ſouldioure from whom he ſhall ſo withhold any the ſaid wages, conduct, or coate mony, treble the ſumme ſo withholden, the one moytie of al whych for feytures, other then ſuch as before by this acte is limitted or geuen to the ſouldyour or ſouldiours as is aforeſaid, for their wages coate or cõduct mony withdrawen, ſhalbe to the kyng and the queenes maieſties and theirs and ſucceſſours of the quenes maieſtie, and thother moitie thereof to him or them that wyll ſue for the ſame, by action of debt, byl, playnt, information or otherwyſe, in any courte of recorde, in whyche action or ſute no eſſoigne protertion or wager of law ſhalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all iuſtices of aſſiſes in their circuites, and all Juſtices of peace, wythin the lymittes of their commiſſion, in their aſſiſes and ſeſſions, and Stewardes of leetes, lawedayes, and liberties, at their leetes and lawdayes ſhall and maye from tyme to tyme enquyre, here and determine euery of the ſayd offences, committed or done contrary to this acte, within the preeyncte of their commiſſion, leete or libertye, and if anye perſon or perſons ſhalbe before the ſayde Juſtices of aſſiſe, Juſtices of peace, or any of them, preſẽted or indicted of any thoffẽces aforeſaid, that thẽ the ſaid iuſtices of aſſiſe, or iuſtices of peace, before whom ſuch inditement or preſentment ſhalbe taken or had, ſhal and may by the aucthoritie of this act, award ſuch proces againſt euery ſuch perſon or perſõs ſo indited, as vpõ inditemẽts of treſpas is vſed and accuſtomed to be made, & if any ſuch perſõ or perſons ſo indited, do appere before ỹ ſaide iuſtices & confeſſe the ſame, or plede to the ſame inditementes, & after by verdicte of .xii. menne ſhalbe of any the ſayd offences conteined in ſuch inditemẽt or inditements cõuicted, ỹ thẽ the ſaid Juſtices before whõ any ſuch conuiction ſhalbe ſo had, ſhall & may award ſuch perſon or perſons ſo conuicted vnto pryſon, ther to remaine without bayle or maynepryſe, vntyll ſuch tyme as he or they haue paide, or ſatiſfyed the

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moytie of the forfeyture aforesayd, vnto the kyng & queenes maiesties vse, and thother moitie therof vnto him or them that shall come before the sayd Justices, and geue euydence agaynst the party to be conuicted at the time of the sayd conuiction, and by whose euidence he shalbe of the sayd offēce conuicted. And yf anye such conuiction shalbe hadde without any euydence openly geuen by any person or persons, that thē the party conuicted as aforesayde, shall remayne in prison as is aforesayd, vntill he haue satisfyed the hole forfeyture to the kynge and quenes maiesties vse.

Prouyded alwayes and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that yf any the offences aforesayd, touching captaynes, pety captaynes, or other hauing charge of men, shalbe committed duryng the time that any army or number of mē being vnder alieutenaunt shalbe assembled and continue together, or by any captaine, pety captaine or other hauing charge of men that shal serue vnder anye lorde wardē or other cheiftayne, that then vpon complaynte thereof, the lorde lieutenaunt or the lord warden, or other cheytayne, duringe the tyme of any hys or their commyssyon shall and maye heare, order, and determyne the same offences, by hys or theyr dyscretyons.

Prouyded alwayes that this acte, nor any thing therin conteined shall not in any wise extende to take away or discharge anye tenauute or fermoure of his seruice or couenaunt, towardes his lord, for the kindynge of horse, armor or weapon, or for doinge of seruyce by hym selfe, or by anye other, which by the tenure of his lande otherwyse is bounden to do before the makyng of thys acte, but that he shall yeld, do and pay the same in as ample maner and forme as though this act had neuer bene had or made.

Prouyded also and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid that yf any such cappytayne, pety captaine, or other haupnge charge of men as is aforesayde, shalbe at any time hereafter conuycted, or ordered by vertue of this acte, for anye of hys offences aforesayde, that thē the same Cappytayne, pety Capitaine, or other hauinge charge of men as is aforesayd, so conuicted, shall not otherwyse or eftsones be vexed, troubled, sued, or conuicted for the same offence, whereof he shall be soo before conuicted or ordered.

And where one braunch or article conteined in the statute made in the seconde and thyrd yeare of the reygne of the late kynge Edwarde the syxte, intituled, an acte touchinge the true seruyce of Captaynes, and Souldyoures, whereby the departure of anye Souldyoure seruynge as in the sayde acte is expressed, without lycence of the lyeutenaunte or other offycer or offycers named in the sayde acte, or in theyr absence, of their deputies, was made felonye, is of noo force strengthe, ne effecte, at thys presente, by reasonne of the acte of repeale of certayne treasonnes, felonyes, and prymynyre made in

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the first session of the parliament holdē at Westminster, in the first yere of the Quenes maiesties reygne. Be it for good and reasonable consideratyons enacted and establyshed by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd braunch or article, and euerye sentence and matter therein conteyned, be from henceforth holy reuiued, and recontinued, and be and remaine in ful strength and effect to al intentes cōstructions and purposes, the sayde acte of repeale notwithstandynge. And that al and euery other article, clause, prouyso, and matter conteined in the same acte, shall stande, remayne, and be in their full force strength, and effecte. Any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary notwythstandyng.

And yet neuerthelesse wher in the said act it is prouyded, that no person or persons, shoulde be charged for the takynge or receyuynge of any gyfte or rewarde of anye of hys or their tenauntes or frendes towardes the releyfe, ayde, or helpe of the same personnes beynge commaunded to serue in warres, or otherwyse to fynd men on horsebacke, or on fote, within thys realme or withoute, nor for the gyfte, rewarde, ayde or helpe reserued, or couenannted, to be payd or gyuen to any person appoynted to serue in warres, or to fynde horse or men, to serue by reason of any graunt, couenaunte reseruation, custome or tenure, any thinge in the sayd act to the contrary notwithstandyng, as by the said acte and prouyso more playnely it doth and maye appeare. Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this presēt parliamēt, ẏ no person or persons shall or may by coulour of the said prouiso, or of any words or matter therin conteined, exact or demaund, or leny any summe or summes of mony, horse, armoure, or anye other thinge, other then shalbe employed furthwith in the present seruice of those warres, of the kynge and queenes maiesties, her heires or successours, for whych it is leuyed, the whyche summe or summes of mony, horse, armoure, or other thyng, or as much thereof as shall not be spent, lost, or consumed in the sayd seruyce, shalbe rendred and restored to suche person or persons, as payd or delyuered the same, vpon the penalties and forfeytures, conteined in ẏ sayde act.

Prouyded alwayes, that no person or persons, inhabitinge within any cytye, borough, or towne corporate, beyng a countye of it selfe, or in which any Justices of peace be or hereafter shalbe, by charter, shalbe compellable by vertue of thys acte, to make his or their appearaunce, with such furuiture as is aforesayd, at anye muster hereafter to be had or taken out of the Suburbes, precincte, or liberties of the same Citie, Borough or Towne, nor before anye person or persons, aucthorised by cōmission or otherwise as is aforesaid, onlesse the maior, or other hed of fycer, of such citie, borough, or towne, & one other discrete inhabitaunt of the same at the least be ioyned in the same commission or other aucthoritie as is aforesayd, with the same other person or persons so aucthorised, any thing beforementioned to the contrarye notwithstāding.

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An acte that accessaries in murder and dyuers felonies, shal not haue the benefit of clergye.

The.iiij. Chapter.

FOR THE due punishmente of suche as commaunde, counsell, or hire any person or persons, to committ, perpetrate, or do any petie treason, wylful murder or any of the offences in this presence acte mentyoned. Be it enacted by the authoritie of thys presente Parlyamente, that all and euerye personne and personnes that after the fyrste daye of Marche next comming, shall maliciously commaund, hyre, or counsell any person or persons, to committe or doo any petye treason, wylfull murder, or to do any robberye in any dwellynge house or houses, or to committe or do any robberye in or nere any hygh way, in the realme of Englande, or in any other the Queenes dominions, or to commit or do any robbery in any place within the marches of Englande agaynst Scotlande, or wylfully to burne any dwellynge house, or anye parte thereof, or anye barne then haupnge corne or grayne in the same, that then euerye suche offender or offenders, and euerye of them beynge outlawed thereof, or beyng thereof arraygned and found gylty by the order of the law, or beyng otherwyse lawefully attaynted or conuicted of the same offence, or beynge arraygned thereof do stande mute of malyce or frowarde mynde, or do chalenge peremptorye aboue the number of twentye persons, or wyll not answere directly to suche offence, shall not haue the benefite of his or theyr clergy.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted, that euery lorde and lordes of the parlyament, and piere and piers of the realme, hauing place and voyce in the parliament, vpon euery inditement for any of the offences aforesayde, shalbe tryed by theyr piers, as hath bene accustomed by the lawes of this realme.

An Acte touching the makinge of woollen clothes.

The.v. chapter.

WHERE in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the fifte and sixt yeare of the reigne of our late soueraigne lorde kinge Edwarde the sixte, there was by great deliberation and aduise one good acte made for the true & perfect making of woollen cloth within thys realme, sythence the makyng whereof, diuers clothiers found them selues agreued, alleging that is vnpossible for them to obserue & same act in all poyntes, & haue in this present parliamēt prayed some mitigation thereof it is therfore at theyr spetial instaūce & request ordered, established, enacted, & prouided in maner & fourme folowing.

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In primis, that euery white cloth & clothes comonly called longe Worcesters, & all like clothes of like making mentioned in the said act, which by ꝑ same was limitted to weigh. lxxxiiii. poũds, being wel scou red, thicked, milled, and fully dryed, shal weigh. lxxb. poũds at the least.

Itẽ, euery white cloth which shalbe made in the counties of Wilt. Glouceſter, & Somerset, or any of thẽ, or els wher of like makynge, being apointed by the sayd act to weigh. lxiiii. pounds, shal weigh being wel scoured, thicked, milled, and fullye dried. lxi. poundes at the leaste.

Item, euery broade cloth made in the shyres of Kent & Sussex, or at the towne of Reding, or any of them, or els where of like makynge, mentioned in the sayd acte, which by the same was limitted to weighe lxxxx. pounds at the leaste, shal weygh beynge well scoured, thycked mylled, and fully dried. lxxvi. pounds at the leaste.

Item, that euery course short cloth made in ꝑ shyres of Suff. Norff and Eſſex, or any of them, or els where of like sort, & euery course clothe to be made within the Shyre of kent, not exceadynge the price of fyve poundes, all whych by the sayde Acte are appoynted to conteyne. vii. quarters of a yarde at the least in breadth, shall conteyne and be at the water, beyng thorough wette, fyve quarters and a halfe within the lists through and by all the whole cloth at the least.

Item, euery yard of cloth commonly called handiwarpe, being well scoured, thicked, mylled, and fully dried, shall conteyne the breadth specified in the sayd act, & shal weigh two poundes and a halfe at the least.

And forasmuch as many persons do counterfet the makyng of Cok sal, Bocking and Braintree clothes commonly called handiwarpes, ad ding therunto such like listes as the makers of such clothes doo, to the great deceipt of the king and Quenes maiesties subiectes. Be it therefore enacted, that no person or persons from the first day of May nexte coming, shal adde vnto any cloth or clothes, any such like lyst or lystes, except the warpe therof be sponne vpon the rocke or distaffe, vpõ paine of forfeyture of the same cloth or clothes, or the very value therof. Prouided alwayes that the clothe makers within the citie of Worcestoure may make such listes as they haue done heretofore.

Item that no person or persons inhabiting within the westriding in the countie of yorke, shall make or cause to be made any broade cloth or clothes called pewkes, tawneis, violets, or grenes, except the wol ther of before it be conuerted into yarne, be fyrst died, litted, and coulered wt the couler blue, of the value of two pence a poũd, vpõ pain of forfeiture of euery such colored cloth, or ꝑ value therof, wherof the wol shal not be first died, litted, & colored wt the couler blue of ii. d. a. li. as is aforesaid.

Item that euerye ordinary karsey mentioned in the said acte shall conteine in length in the water betwexte. xvi. and. xvii. yardes, yarde and ynche, and beyng wel scoured, thicked, milled, dressed, & fully dried shall weighe. xix. poundes the peece at the leaste. And euerye karseye

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called lortinge karsey, mentioned in the sayde Acte, beynge well scoured, thicked, mylled, dressed, and fullye dyed, readye to be shewed, shall weyghe .xxii. poundes at the leaste.

Item, that euery Deuonshyre karsey called Dossone, the whiche is appoynted by the same statute to weygh beynge dyre. xiiii. poundes at the leaste, shall weygh beyng well scoured, thicked, mylled, and fullye dyed, after the rate of euery yarde one pounde at the leaste.

Item, that one article mentioned in the sayde statute concernyng welshe cottons touchinge the length and weight, shalbe clearely void, and euery gode of welshe lininge shall conteyne and be three quarters of a yarde in breadthe in the water, and shall weygh one pounde and a halfe quarter. and euery yarde of cotton beynge fully wrought and cottoned, shal weyghe one pounde at the leaste.

And be it further enacted, that no person or personnes whyche shall buye to sell agayne by waye of retayle or otherwyse, anye of the sayde welshe lininges, shal dresse or worke, or cause to be dressed or wrought within his or theyr dwellynge house or houses, or in any other place by him selfe, or his seruaunte or seruauntes, anye of the sayde welshe lininges, but shall put the same to some suche person or persons, as shalbe of the arte or science of Sheremen, Cottoners, or fryers, to be by theym wrought and dressed, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery welshe cotton or lyninge, fryed or cottoned to the contrary. vi. s. viii. d

Item, that all and euerye cotton or cottons called Manchester Lanckeshire, and Chelshyre cottons, and all clothes called Manchester Rugges, or Manchester Fryses, maye be deuyded into two halfe peeces, and shal conteyne and be after the rate of suche breadthe and weyght, as in the sayde acte is limitted and appoynted to a whole pece of euery of the seueral peeces of cottons & rugges aforesayd, any thyng in the sayd former statute to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

And if any cloth or karsey of the seueral kyndes of makynges, mentioned in the sayd former acte, or this estatute, do excede the seueral lengthes mentioned in the same, that then euery yarde so excedinge, shall weygh after such rate as euery yarde of such cloth or karseyes conteynning the sayd seuerall lengthes, shall or ought to weygh, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery yarde, not weyinge after such rate. v. s. And if any suche cloth or karseys shall lacke of such weyght as by the sayde statute or this acte it ought and is appoynted to haue, then the maker thereof or other person in whose handes or possession the same shall be founde, shal forfeyte for euery pounde lackinge aboue. iiii. poundes. v. s. and al so for euery pounde exceadinge not aboue. iiii. poundes. ii. s. in maner and fourme as in the sayd former acte is appoynted.

Item, one article mentioned in the sayd statute, wherin the alneger is prohibited to set his seal to any cloth or karsey which shal proue pursy, bandy, squally, in or by warpe or woofe, or els shall happen to be euell

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burled or wasted in the mylle, or otherwyse to be full of holes, mylbracks, or to be hoolye, shalbe voyde and of none effecte.

Item it is enacted that yf at any time after the fyrste daye of May, anye clothe or karsey, thorough the defaulte or necligence of the karders, spinners, or weauers, or any of them, shall, or do proue eyther purse, cockeley, bandy, squally, or rowye, by warpe or woofe, or ells shall happen to be euell burled, or wasted in the myll, or elles thorough the defaulte or necligence of the myll man, or otherwyse, to be full of holes, mylbrackes, or to be hooly, that then the maker of euery such clothe or karsey so beynge defectiue or faultye as is aforesayde, shall fixe vnto euerye ende of the sayd clothe or karseye soo beynge defectiue and faultye, and offred to be solde, one seale of leade, in the whiche seale shalbe ingraued this worde (faultye) vpon payne of forfeyture of suche clothe or karseye, or the value thereof so offred to be solde, wherevnto suche seale shall not be set.

Item, the article mentioned in the sayde former acte of retourning of defectiue clothes, karseyes, frises, or cottons beyng transported ouer the seas by the marchauntes, shalbe vtterly voyde. But neuertheles be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if it shall fortune hereafter any marchaunte or marchauntes, to transporte anye clothe or clothes karseys, fryses, or cottons, whervnto the seale wyth thys word (faulty) was not annexed at the tyme of the sale thereof by the clothier, and the same clothes, karseys, fryses, or cottons so transported or anye of them to be founde faultye or defectiue, and the same marchaunte or marchauntes thereof, within two yeares after suche sale, to bryng a certyfycate, sealed with the seale of anye towne or companye in the partyes beyond the seas, or signed by a Notarye there, after the accustomed maner, testifienge and declarynge thereby the losse and damage which the marchauntes shall haue susteyned by suche defectyue and faultye clothe or clothes so transported, that then the clothier or clothiers, or other person of whome the clothe or clothes was boughte, theyr executoures or administratoures, shall within sixe wekes next after requeste made by the sayde marchaunte, his executours, administratours, or assygnes, well and truelye satisfyed content and paye, to suche marchaunte, hys executours or administratours, or assignes, al and euerye suche summe and summes of monye as shall so be mentioned, expressed, and declared in the sayde certificate, vpon payne of forfeyture to the partye greued, for euery none payment vpon such requeste, double the value of suche summe or summes mentioned in the sayde certificate.

Prouyded alwayes, that suche marchaunte shall not in anye wyse haue by vertue of this acte, any recompence for lacke of length, breadth or weyght, of or for any cloth, whervnto the seale of any cytye, borough or towne corporate shalbe fyxed.

Item, yf any personne shall by him selfe, or by anye other personne by

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him procured, coũterfet, set to, or take away frō any cloth, karsey, fryse, rugge, or cotten, anye seale appoynted to be fixed to any clothe, karsey, fryse, rugge, or cotten, eyther by this acte, or by the sayde former estatute, that then euerye suche personne soo offendinge, shall incurre and haue lyke penaltyes, forfeytures, and punishmentes, as in the sayd former acte is appoynted and limitted for the like offence.

And for the better execution as well of this presente acte, as of the sayde former estatute, and to the intente that all kynde of karseys, cottons, frises, rugges, and other wollen cloth made in any towne shalbe the better knowen, it is further enacted, that the sele of euery borough or towne corporate, appoynted or to be appoynted for the sealynge of anye suche kynde of cloth, shall be fixed to all and euery suche kynde of clothe, beynge well and substantiallye made within suche Cytye, borroughe, or towne corporate, whyche clothe soo Sealed with the Seale of anye Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, shall not be searched, tryed, or vewed by anye Searcher or Sealer of anye other Cytie, Borroughe, or Towne corporate, by vertue of hys sayde office, anye thing in thys acte, or in the sayde former estatute to the contrarye, notwythstandyng.

Item, be it further enacted by the auctholitie aforesayde, that euery personne and personnes, not dwellinge and inhabitinge within anye Citie, Borough, or corporate towne, and makyng any of the clothes or karseys aforesayde, maye lawfullye bringe the same to the nerte Cytie, Borroughe, or corporate towne, where anye such kynd of clothes or karseyes be or shalbe commonlye made, there to be sealed in maner and fourme as is before expressed.

Item, yf any Searcher or Sealer apointed, or to be appointed by vertue of thys presente acte, or of the sayde former Statute, shall sette the Seale of anye Citie, Borroughe or Towne corporate, to any cloth, which shall not conteyne suche lengthe, weyght, and breadth, as in the sayde former Statute, or in this presente acte is appoynted, that then the Mayer and Comminaltye, or Baylyf and Comynaltye, or other corporation of the Townelhippe, by whatsoeuer name or names it or they shalbe incorporated, where suche clothe, karseye, fryse, cottonne, or rugge shalbe so sealed, shall forfeyte and lose the hole value of the clothe soo sealed.

It is also enacted by the auctholitie of this presente parlyamente that the sayde Searchers or Sealers and euery one of them, shal haue full power and auctholitie by vertue of thys Acte, in the daye tyme, to entre into all and euerye house and houses, of euerye personne or personnes, where he or they shall thinke mete to searche, and to trye al and euerye kynde of clothes, karseyes, fryses, and rugges as they shall fynde defectyue, eyther in lengthe, breadthe, or weyghte, and the same to trye by water and weyghte, and also to searche and seale

as forfeyte all and euerye clothe and clothes made of other coloures then in the sayde former acte is appointed, fryers graye, crane coloure, purple, and olde medley couloures, mooste commonly vsed to be made before twentye yeares last past, onely excepted.

And yf anye manner of persone or persones, at anye time after the fyrste daye of Maye nexte comminge, shall deny, withstande, or withholde any cloth or clothes, karleys, fryses, rugges, or anye of them, from the sayde Sealers or Searches, or any of them, or wyll not suffer the to enter into theyr shops, warehouses, houses or places where theyr clothes, karseys, fryses, or rugges shall be, the same to be searched and tryed as is afore sayde, that then euerye suche person or persons soo denying or withstandinge, for euery suche withstandyng, withholdynge or denyall, to forfeyt and lose. x. poundes.

Be it lykewyse further enacted, that it shall not be lawefull for anye of the sayde Searchers, or Sealers, or anye other persone, to searche anye manner of woollen cloothe or karseye, wherevnto the Seale of a Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shall be fyxed, within the common clothe markette of London, commonlye called Blackewell hall, or in anye common cloth faire, or clothe markette of anye other Cytye, Borough, or Towne corporate, in and durynge the tyme of the fayre, or markette, anye Acte or Statute to the contrarye notwythstandynge

Be it further enacted, that all and euerye artycle, clause, and sentence in the sayde former Statute made in the fyfte and sexte yeare of the reygne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde, kynge Edwarde the Syxte, beinge not repugnaunte or contrarye to anye article, clause or sentence conteyned in this presente acte, shall stande in full force and effecte.

Prouyded alwayes, that no persone or persones shall incurre the daunger, penaltye, or forfeyture limitted and appointed for any offence in the sayde former acte, the whych is already mittigated or otherwise appoynted by this present acte.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie afore sayde, that euerye clothier shall cause euerye clothe whyche he shall put to sale, from and after the feaste of the Natiuitie of Saynte Jhon Baptyste nexte commynge, to be marked with the letter. M. crowned, wrought in the clothe, vpon payne to forfeyte. xx. s. for euerye cloth, beyng solde or put to sale by anye suche clothier after the sayde feast not marked with the sayde lettre M. as is afore sayde.

And moreouer be it enacted by the authoritie afore sayd, that no person or persons after the sayd feast of the natiuitie of S. Jhon Baptist, shall set or put to sale within the realme of England, any coulored cloth of any other coloure or coloures then are hereafter in this act mẽtioned that is to saye, scarlet, red, crimson, morrey, violet, pewke, browne blewe

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blacke, grene, yellowe, blue, orich tawny, russet, marble, gray, sad newe couloure, Izney, watchet, shepes couloure, Lyon coloure, motley, pyon gray, friers gray, crane colour, purple, and old medley couloure, moste comonly vsed to be made aboue and before. xx. yeares last past.

Item, where as diuers auncient cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme of England, hath ben in times past well and substancially inhabited, occupyed, maynteyned, and vpholded, as well by reason of makynge of broad woollen clothes and karseyes, as also by dyuers other artificers, inhabitinge then in the sayde townes, at whiche time also the vyllages and husbande townes flourysshed, and husbandrye and tyllage was well mainteined, to the great benefitte of the realme, and al the people therein, forasmuch as diuers yeares past, such persons as do vse the feat or mistery of cloth makinge, not contented to liue as artificers, and with the trade wherein they haue ben brought vp, do dayly plante them selues in vyllages and townes, beinge no cities, boroughes, nor corporate townes, and there occupyinge the seate and place of a husbandman, doo not onely ingrosse diuers fermes and pastures into theyr handes, displeasing the husbandman, and decayinge the ploughes and tyllages, but also drawe with them out of cities, boroughes and townes corporate, all sort of artificers, whereby not onely diuers auncient cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are vtterlye decayed, destroyed, and depopulated, but also husbandrye and tyllages very muche decayed, to the great hurte, damage, and preiudice of this realme, and the people therein, yf spedy remedy be not forsene. And forasmuche also as the weauers and wyfekewen of clothiers when they haue ben traded vp in the trade of cloth makyng, and weauinge. iii. or. iiij. yeares, do forsake they maysters, and doo become clothiers and occuppers for thē selues, without stocke, skyll, or knowlege to the great sclaunder of the true cloth makynge, besides a great number of inconueniences whiche do growe to the common welth of thys realme therby, as dayly experience teacheth. Be it, therefore ordeyned and enacted by thauctorite of this present parliamente, that from and after the first daye of May nexte comminge, no persone or personnes whatsoeuer, shal vse or exercise the seate or misterye of makynge, weauynge, or rowynge of woollen clothes, long or short, or karseyes, pynned whites, or playne streites, to thintente to put the same to sale, but onelye in a market towne where clothe hath commonlye benne vsed to be made by the space of ten yeares last past, or in a citie, borough, or towne corporate, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery suche woollen cloth or karsey, made, wouen, or rowed out of such citie, borough, towne corporate or market towne, fyue poundes.

And it is further enacted, that from and after the fyrst day of May no person whatsoeuer, shall weaue or make, or put to weauyng or makinge any woollen clothes or karseys laste rehearsed, to be solde vnles

such person shall haue bene apprentice to the occupation of makynge, weauinge, and rowynge of cloth or carseyes, or haue ben exercised therin by the space of seuen yeares before, vpon payne of forfeyture of suche cloth, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that al and euery paynes, penalties, and forfeytures to be due by force of thys statute or of the sayde former acte being not otherwyse appointed, shal be deuided equallye into two partes, whereof the one shalbe to the quenes highnes, her heires and Successoures, and thother vnto him that will seale (in cases where seaser is limitted or appointed) or ells to hym or them that wyll sue for the same paynes, penalties, and forfeytures, or any of them, by action, byll, playnt, information, or otherwyse, in anye courte of recorde, wherein no essoine, protection, wager of lawe, or iniunction shall be admitted, allowed, or obeyed.

Prouyded alwayes, that it shalbe lawefull to anye person, nowe vsynge or exercisinge the feate or misterye of makynge, weauynge, or rowinge of cloth or karsey, to inhabit and dwell where he nowe dothe and there to vse the makynge, weauynge, or rowyng of cloth or karsey as he hath done heretofore, any thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouyded alwayes, that it shall be lawefull to all and euery persō or persons, whych nowe do, or hereafter shall inhabite or dwell in anye of the Shires of Northwales, or Southwales, Chesshyre or Lanckashyre, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberland, Byshoprike of Durham, Cornewall, Suffolke, Kent, the towne of Goddelmyne in the countye of Surrey, or yorkeshyre, beyng not within twelue myles of the citie of yorke, or in any the townes or vyllages nere adioynynge the water of Stroude in the countye of Gloucester, wher clothes hath ben vsually made by the space of twenty yeares last past, and hauynge bene prentice to the occupation of clothe makynge, or exercysed in the same by the space of seuen yeares, to set vp, vse, and exercyse the feate or mysterye of makynge, weauinge, or rowynge of clothe out of a citie, borough, or markette towne, as heretofore they myghte haue done anye thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also, that it shalbe lawful to any person, nowe vsynge or exercisinge, or that hath vsed or exercised the feate or mysterye of cloth makinge, the same to continue, vse, and exercyse, althoughe he hath not bene therevnto apprentice, or haue exercised the same by the space of seuen yeares, anye thinge in this Acte to the contrareye notwythstandynge.

Prouided alwaies & be it also further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that it shal be lawefull to euery person and persons, to sell & put to sale by retaile or otherwyse, all & euery suche coloured cloth and clothes as he or they nowe haue, as frely as he or they maye lawfullye sell anye

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clothes of the collour es in this present acte allowed to be solde, vntyll the feast of Saynt Mychaell thar chaungell next ensuyng. Thys acte or the sayd former statute, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

An acte to enquyre of the behauor of frenchmen being Denizens.

The. vi. chapter.

IN THEIR moost humble wyse, sheweth vnto your most royall Maiestie, the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and all other your most louyng and obedient subiectes, the commons in your most high courte of parliament assembled, that where at a parlyament holde at westminster, in the. xiii. yere of the reigne of king Rycharde the second, it was for sondry good considerations, ordeined and enacted, that no alyen frenchman, should haue or enioye any benefyce within thys realme, but that they shoulde be auoyded forthwyth out of the same, before a certayne time in the sayde acte limitted, as in the same acte is more playnelye conteyned. And that at what hower, any pryorys alyens, conuentuall or other benefyce or offyce, geuen by tytle of the kynge, did voyde by laches, or death of the sayde pryor, and other occuppyers, that than (duryng the warres) honest persons Englyshe, shoulde be put therein, in the place of them to accomplyshe diuine seruice, and none of the enemyes aforesayd. And yet notwithstanding the sayd ordynaunce, the sayde alyens frenchmen, by euell imagination and bycage, to continue the euyll mischyfes of the sayd ordinaunce dyd purchase letters patentes of the kynge to be denizens, and lyeges of the kynge, and so sware to continue the same, to thintent to occuppye and enioye the sayd benefices, and by that meanes dyd occuppye greate number of benefices, agaynst the sayde ordynaunce, by meanes where of the alyens frenche were increased, to the diminishing of the Subiects of the kynge and the treasure of the kynge and the Realme dyd carrye oute of thys Realme, and the councell of the kynge did discouer to the enemyes of fraunce, to the great damage of the kyng and the Realme. For remedy whereof at a parlyament holden at westminster, the fyrst yeare of the reigne, of the most worthy prince of famous memory, king Henry the fyfte, the same king consideryng the mischyfes aforesayd, by thauctoritie of the same parlyamente, wylled that the sayd ordinaunce shoulde be saufely holden and kepte, and put in due execution, (certaine pryor aliens excepted) and that they shoulde put in suretye, not to discouer nor cause to be dyscouered, the councell nor the secretes of the

Realme. And where sythence the makynge of the sayde Actes of Parlyamente, sondrye other good lawes and actes, haue benne made, aswell in the tyme of kyng Rychard the thyrde, as in the tyme of kynge Henrye the Eyghte, in which actes, it is prouyded, lympytted, ordeyned and declared, vnder what sorte the sayde Alyens, and euerye of them shoulde vse them selles within thys realme.

And where also by one acte of Parlyament made at Westmynster, in the two and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of the sayde late kynge Henrye the Eyghte, it was enacted amongest other thinges conteyned in the sayde acte that al maner of Straungers borne oute of hys graces obeysaunce, whych before that tyme were made Denyzens, or that after that shoulde be made Denyzens, from and after the fyrste daye of September then next commynge, shoulde be bounden, and be obedyente, by, and vnto al the foresayde actes and statutes, made in the fyrst yeare of the sayde kynge Rychard the thyrde, and in the fourtene and one and twentye yeares of the sayde kynge Henrye the Eyghte, and to all the contentes of the same, and to all other actes, and statutes of this realme, before that time, made or from henceforth to be made. And that also in all and euerye Letters Patentes, of or for any Denyzen from and after the laste daye of the same Parlyamente, soo holden in the sayde two and thyrtye yeare, to be made to anye straunger, not beyng borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, there shoulde be conteyned in euerye suche Letters Patentes, a prouyso that he or they to whome suche Letters Patentes, shalbe soo made and graunted, shoulde be bounden and be obedyente by and vnto all the actes, and Statutes of thys Realme, as is aforesayde, and to all and euerye the contentes of the same, as by the same actes more playnelye it dothe and maye appeare.

Yet Sythente the makynge of the sayde seuerall Actes, a greate number and multytude of the frenche nacyon, haue aryued into thys realme, aswell nere to the Sea syde, as elsewhere, and vnder a fayned false and vntrue promyse or othe of alegyence, and faythe promysed to be by them borne to thys Realme, they haue of late yeares sithence the sayde two and thyrtye yeare of the Reygne of the sayde late kyng Henrye the Eyghte, by synyster and vndue meanes obteyned, dyuers and sondrye seuerall Letters Patentes, whereby they be made Denysens, and by force thereof doo enioye the lybertyes and prynueleges of thys Realme, and yet contrarye to the true meanynge of the sayde Letters Patentes, in theyr conditions and behauoures, they doo remayne frenche, and daylye from tyme to tyme do discouer the counsell, state and priuities of thys Realme, and compasse, Imagyne, and procure sondrye myschyefes and damage to be done by the frenche nacyon

cyon to thys realme, contrarye to the sayde actes of Parlyamente, and contrarye to their sayde letters patentes, and the prouyso conteyned in the same.

For remedy whereof, and for the auoydynge of the imminent peryll that for want of due prouydence, may ensue to youre most royall person (whome oure Lorde GOD, longe preserue to reygne ouer vs) and to thys youre hyghnes realme, by the malycyous and secrete practyses of the sayde Denysens, we most humblye beseche your most excellent Maiestie, to haue vigilante care and tender consideration, of youre owne suretye, and preseruation of thys your realme, and haynge good and sure experience of your accostomed honorable and mercyfull dysposion and inclination, do also moost humblye beseech the same, that by youre royall assent, it maye be enacted by thauctoritie of thys presente Parlyamente, that all french men, and all and euerye other personne and personnes, borne in anye place, beyonde the Seas, which at the time of the byrth of anye such person or persons, was vnder the frenche kynges obeysaunce, not beynge Denizens, other then suche as the kynge and Quenes highnes, or the quene onelye shall specially lycence, limyt, and appointe to remayne within thys realme, shall departe oute of thys Realme, and oute and from the dominions and terrytories of the same there to remayne and contynue without retorne into thys realme, durynge the tyme and continuaunce of the warres, betwene the frenche kynge and oure Soueraygne Ladye the quene, or her heires or successoures. And that our Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and the queene, or her highenes onelye, by the auctoritie of thys Acte, by their letters patentes, vnder the greate Seale of Englande, shall and maye haue full power and auctoritie, from time to time, duringe the syse of the quenes hyghnes (which almyghty GOD long prosper and continue) after office founde or other due prose, of the mysdemeanour of anye such Denisen, committed contrarye to the lawes of this realme to repeale and make voyde all and synguler letters patentes, or asmanye of them, as to her hyghnes shall seme good, made sithence the sayde two and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of kynge Henry theyghte, to any alyen or straunger borne frenche, and vnder the obeysaunce of the frenche kynge, concernynge onelye the makynge of suche alyen or Straunger Denysen, the same Letters Patentes of repeale, to be proclamed and vsed in maner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye, that euerye such Letters Patentes of repeale, shall conteine the names & surnames of euerye suche alyen Straunger, whose letters Patentes shall soo be repealed, and shalbe solempnlye and openlye redde and proclamed in the kynge and Queenes Courte of Chauncerye, betwene the howres of nine, and a leuen, before none, one daye in any one terme to be kepte at Westmynster, and in suche and asmanye termes

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and counties of this realme, as shalbe limitted, or appoynted, or other wise leme mete to the quenes maiestie, at any tyme hereafter, durynge her highnes sayd lyfe, and that al and euery such letters patentes, to be repealed in maner and forme aforesayd, from, and immediatelye after xxx. dayes nexte ensuynge such repeale, shall touchynge onelye the makynge of such alyen or straunger denizen, be voyde and of none effecte, and not before.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that such aliens and straungers denizens, whose patentes the Queenes hyghnes hereafter shall fortune to allowe or confirme, or whō her hyghnes shall lycence to remayne and tarry in thys Realme, shalbe bounden to the kynge and Queenes maiesties, by recognisaunce, not to dyscouer nor cause to be discouered the counsell nor the secretes of thys Realme, and further to be bounde and obedient vnto and by the lawes and statutes of the same, and yf anye suche alyen borne frenche, and vnder the obeysaunce of the frenche kyng, as is aforesayde, shal refuse to knowlege any suche recognisaunce, that then the sayde confirmation, allowaunce and lycence, shalbe voyde and of none effect.

Prouided alwayes that yf any such alyen as is aforesayde, shall haue purchased anye Manour, Landes, Tenemēntes, or hereditaments, of anye estate of inheritaunce, within thys Realme, sythence the tyme that he was made denizen, or ẏ any Manor, Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes within this realme, were gyuen to any suche alyen, of anye estate of inherytaunce, by any letters patents, or in ẏ same letters patentes, whereby he was made denizen, that the same Manour, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, after the decease of suche alyen, whose letters patentes of makyng denizen, shalbe as is aforesayd, repealed, shall and maye discende, remayne or come vnto suche his heyre or heyres, as bene borne within this realme, and as be inheritable to the same, or to such other person or personnes that shoulde by the lawes of thys realme, haue and enioye the same (or any part thereof, yf thys acte or no such repeale had bene made in such maner and forme as thoughe no such repeale were had or made, the same repeale or any thing in this acte to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouyded also that it shalbe lawefull to the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and successoures, immediatelye from and after the departure of euery such denizen, out of thys Realme, to receyue and take the cleare yerely illues, reuenues, and profyts of all such Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Fees, Annuityes, and Heredytamentes, whereof any such Denyzen were seased or hadde at the tyme of this acte, or at the tyme of hys departure oute of thys Realme, as is aforesayde, for and durynge the lyfe of euerye suche Denizen, in as ample and large maner and forme, and in suche qualytye, condytyon, and degree as

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anye suche denisen mighte lawefullye haue receyued and taken at the tyme of the makynge of this present acte, and not other wise, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

An Acte to make vp the Jury with circumstantibus, where the kynge and Quenes maiesties or the Quenes maiestie is a party.

The. viii. Chapter.

WHERE in the parliament holden at Westminster the .xiiij. daye of Januarye in the .xxvij. yeare of the reygne of the most noble and victorious Prince kynge Henrye the eyght late kynge of Englande, amongeste other thinges it was enacted and establyshed, for the spedye tryall of Issues ioyned betwene party and partye, in anye of the kynges courtes of recorde holden at Westminster, to be tryed by the verdicte of twelue menne, before the Justices of Assise, or *nisi prius*, that in euerye writte of *habeas corpora*, or *distringas*, with a *nisi prius*, deliuered of recorde to the Sheryffe or other minister or ministers to whome the makynge of the retourne shall appertayne, where a full Jurye shall not appeare before the Justices of assise or *nisi prius*, or else wher after appearaunce of a full Jurye, by chalenge of any of the partyes, the Jury is lyke to remayne vntaken for default of the Jurours, that then the same Justices vpon requeste made by the partyes playntyfe or demaundaunte, shall haue auctho*ri*tie by vertue of the sayde acte, to commaunde the Sheryffe or other mynister or mynysters, to whome the makynge of the sayde retourne shall appertayne, to name and appoynte as often as nede shall requyre, so many of such other hable personnes of the sayde countye then presente at the sayde assises or nisi prius, as shall make vp a full Jurye, whiche personnes so to be named and enpanelled by such Sherife or other minister or ministers, shalbe added to the former pannell, and theyr names annexed to the same, as by the sayde acte more at large appeareth, whych Statute was made to endure tyl the ende of the nexte parlyamente, and after was and is from time to time contynued, and doeth nowe remayne, stande, and be in effecte, whych acte doth not extende to any Jury enpanelled, to trye and yssue ioyned betwene the kynge and the partye, or betwene suche as pursue anye matter for the kynge and them selues.

Be it therefore, enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed by the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons

commons in this present parlyament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that from and after the fyrste daye of Iuue nexte comming the Iustices of assise and *nisi prius*, before whome anye tryall shall be made, by vertue of anye writte of *habeas corpora*, or *distringas*, with a *nisi prius* where a full Jurye shall not appeare, or after appearaunce of a full Jurye by chalenge the Jurye is lyke to remayne vntaken, for defaulte of Juryours, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of thys Acte, vpon requeste made for the kyng and Quene her heyres or Successoures, by any auctholised therevnto, or assygned by the Justices of the Courte before whome the sayde enqueste shall be taken, or vppon requeste to be made by the partye that foloweth as well for the kyng and Quene her heires and Successoures, as for him selfe vppon anye penal Statute or hys or theyr Attorney, to commaunde the Sherycke, or other mynyster or ministers, to whome the makynge of the sayde retourne shal appertayne, to name and appointe, as often as nede shall requyre so many of suche other hable personnes of the sayde Countye then presente at the sayde assises, or *nisi prius*, and to adde and annexe the names to the former pannell, as shall make vppe a full Jurye of twelue menne for the tryall of euerye suche Issue. And that all and euerye clause, sentence, article, and prouyso compyled in the sayde former acte, shal be taken, enterpreted, and expounded, to geue the lyke and the same aduauntage and commoditie to the kynge and Quenes Maiestyes, her heyres and Successoures, and al suche personne and personnes as shal pursue any action, byl, playnte, or information for the kyng and Quenes maiesties her heyres and Successoures, onelye, or for them and the partye, as the partye playntyfe in anye other actyon shoulde or myghte haue by vertue of the sayde Acte, in suche forme and condition, to al intentes and purposes, as yf such action or suyte for the kynge hadde bene specialye and perticulerlye mentioned and declared in the sayde acte.

An Acte for the punishment of suche as shal take awaye maydens that be inheritours, beyng within age of sixtene yeares, or that mary them without the consent of theyr parentes.

The. vii. Chapter.

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HERE maydens and women chyldren of noble men, gentelmen, and others, as well suche as be heyres apparaunte to theyr auncestors, as others, hauynge lefte vnto them by theyr father, or other auncestre and freindes, landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, or other greate substaunces in goodes and cattelles moueable, for and to thintente to aduaunce them in marryage, somewhat lyke, accordinge to theyr degrees, and as myght be mooste for their suretye and comforte, as well for them selues, as of all other theyr frendes and kynnesfolkes, be often tymes vnwares to theyr sayd frendes or kynnesfolkes, by flatterye, tryselynge gyftes, and fayre promises of manye vnthryftye and light personages, and thereto by the intreatye of persones of lewde demeanour and others, that for rewards bye and sell the sayd maydens and chyldren, secretely allured & wonne to contracte matrymonye with the sayd vnthryftye and lyghte personages, and therevpon either with slyghte or force, oftentymes be taken and conueyed awaye from theyr sayd parentes, frindes, or kynsefolkes to the high displeasure of almyghtye God, dyspargemente of the sayde chyldren, and the extreame contynuall heuynes of all theyr freindes, whiche vngodlye dealyng for lacke of wholesome lawes to the redresse thereof, remayneth a great familier and common myschyfe in this our common welth.

For remedye whereof be it enacted by the kynge and Quenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parlyamente assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that it shall not be lawfull to anye person or persons, to take or conueye away or cause to be taken or conueyed awaye any mayde or woman chylde vnmaryed, beynge within the age of sixtene yeares, out, of, or from the possession, custodye, or gouernaunce, and agaynst the wyll of the father of suche mayde or woman chylde or of suche personne or personnes to whome the father of suche mayde or woman chylde, by hys laste wyll and testamente, or by any other acte in his life tyme hath or shal apoint assigne, bequeth, geue, or graunte the ordre, keppynge, education, or gouernaunce of suche mayde or woman chylde, excepte suche takyng and conueyinge awaye as shalbe had, made, or done, by or for suche person or persones, as without fraude or couyn, be or then shall be the mayster or mystres of suche mayde or woman chylde, or the gardeine in soccage or gardeyne in chyualrye, of or to suche mayde or woman chylde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye person or persons aboue the age of .xiiij. yeares, shall from and after the fyrste daye of Apryll nexte commynge, vnlawefullye take or conuey or cause to be taken or conueyed any mayde or woman chylde vnmaried beyng within the age of .xvi. yeares, out of, or from the possession and agaynst the wyll of the father or mother of such chylde, or oute or from the

the possession, and agaynst the wyll of suche persone or persones as then shall happen to haue by any lawefull wayes or meanes, the order keppnge, education, or gouernaunce of anye suche mayden or woman chylde, that then euery suche person or persons (soo offendinge) beynge thereof lawfully attaynted or conuicted by the ordre and due course of the lawes of thys realme, other then suche of whome such person taken awaye shall holde any landes or tenementes by knightes seruyce shall haue and suffer imprisonmente of his and theyr bodyes by the space of two whole yeares without bayle or maynprice, or ells shall paye suche fine for his or theyr sayde offence, as shalbe assessed by the counsel of the Quenes highnes her heyres or successoures in the Starre Chambre at Westminster.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if anye such person or persones after the sayd day, shall so take awaye, or cause to be taken awaye as is aforesayde, and deflower anye suche mayde or woman chylde as is aforesayde, or shall agaynste the wyll, or vnknowinge of or to the father of anye such mayde or woman chylde, yf the father be in lyfe, or agaynste the wyll, or vnknowynge of or the mother of anye suche mayde or woman childe (haunge the custodye and gouernaunce of suche chylde, yf the father be deade) by secrete letters, messages, or otherwyse, contract matrimony with anye such mayden or woman chylde, excepte suche contractes of matrimony as shal be made by the consente of suche person or persones as by the title of wardeshippe shall then haue or be intituled to haue the mariage of suche mayde or woman chylde, that then euerye such person or persons soo offendyng, beynge thereof lawfully conuicted as is aforesayd, shall suffer imprisonmente of his or theyr bodies by the space of fyue yeares, without bayle or maynepryce, or elles shall paye such fyne for his or theyr sayde offence as shalbe assessed by the sayde counsell in the sayd starre Chambre. The one moytye of all whych fynes shalbe to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, her heyres and Successoures, the other moytye to the parties greued.

And be it further enacted by the sayde aucthorytye, that the kynge and Quenes highnes honorable Councell of the Starre Chamber by byll of complaynte, or information, and Justyces of assyse by inquisition or indictemente, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte, to heare and determine the sayde offences, vpon euerye whyche indyctementes and inquisitions suche processe shalbe awarded and lye, as vpon an indictement of trespace at the comon lawe.

And further be it enacted by the aucthorytye aforesayd, that if any woman chylde or mayden, beyng aboue the age of twelue yeares, and vnder the age of sixtene yeares, do at any tyme consent or agree to such persone that so shall make anye contracte of matrimony, contrary to

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the forme and effecte of this estatute, that then the nexte of the kinne of the same woman chyld or mayde, to whom thinheritaunce sholde dyscende, retorne, or come after the decease of the same woman chylde and mayde, shall from the tyme of such assent and agrement, haue, hold and enioye al such lādes, tenemētes, and hereditaments, as the same womā chylde and mayden, hadde in possession, reuertion, or remaynder, at the tyme of such assent and agrement, durynge the lyfe of such person that shall so contracte matrimony. And after the decease of suche person soo contractynge matrimony, that then the sayde landes, tenementes, and heredytamentes, shall discend, reuert, remayne, and come to such persō or persons as they shoulde haue done in case thys acte had neuer bynne had ne made, other then to him onely ẏ so shall contracte matrymonye.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted, that this act nor anye thinge therein conteyned, shall extende to take awaye or dymynyshe any libertye, custome, or aucthoritie touchynge or concernynge anye Orphāt or Orphantes, whych nowe be, or hereafter shalbe within the Cytye of London, or anye other citie, borroughe, or towne, where Orphantes are commonlye vsed to be prouyded for, either by graunte, or by custome, but that the lorde Maire of the said citie of London, and the aldermen of the same for the time being, and all and euery other heade offycer or officers, of anye other citie, borough, or towne, wher such Orphantes be prouyded for, shall and maye haue and take like rule, order, kepynge and charge of such orphant and orphantes, and of all their landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattels, as heretofore they or any of them lawfullye had or vsed, or lawfully might haue had and vsed, yf this act had not bene made.

An Acte for the continuation of certayne Statutes.

The.ix. Chapter.

WHERE IN THE PARLIAMENT BEgon and holden at London, the thyrd day of Nouēber in the.xxi. yere of the reigne of our most drede Soueraygne lord of most famous memorye, kyng Henry the eight, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden & continued by diuers prorogations, vnto the dissolutyon therof, one acte was made and established for the restraint of caryage & conueying of horses and mares out of this realme. And also one other acte was ther made for the true winding of woles. And one other act was ther made to restraine killinge of wainlinges, bullockes, Stiers & heyfers, being vnder the age of two yeres, whych said seuerall actes were thē made to endure & continue vnto the nexte parliamente, as by the sayde seuerall actes, more playnelye appeareth.

And where also in the same Parliament one other acte was made and established for attayntes, to be sued for the punishmente of periurye vpon vntrue verdictes, which acte last before reherled, was then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the laste daye of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte more playnelye at large is shewed and maye appeare.

And where also in the parlyament begonne and holden at Westmynster the eyghte daye of June, in the eyght and twenty yeare of the reygne of oure sayde moste dreade Soueraygne Lorde, kynge Henrye the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof. It was ordeyned and enacted, that all and synguler the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euerye of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the laste daye of the next parliamente, as by the same acte amongest other thynges therein conteyned, more playnelye appearethe. And where also in the Parliamente begonne and holden at Westmynster, the eyghte and twentye daye of Aprill, in the one and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of our sayde late mooste dreade Soueraygne Lorde kynge Henrye the eyght, and there continued vntyll the eyght and twentye daye of June then nexte folowynge, it was ordeyned and enacted by thaucthorytye of the same parlyamente, that all and synguler the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euerye of them, and al clauses, artycles, and prouisions in them, and euerye of them conteyned, shoulde contynue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente, as by the same acte amongest other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth.

And where in the Parlyament holden at Westmynster, in the fyue and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of our sayde late Soueraygne Lorde, kynge Henrye the Eyghte, one acte was made for the preseruation of woodes, to endure for seuen yeares then nexte folowynge, and from thence to thende of the nexte Parlyamente, as by the same acte more playnelye it dothe and maye appeare. And where also at the Parlyamente holden at Westmynster, in the seuen and thyrtye yeare of the raygne of the sayde late kynge Henrye the eyghte, and there continued and kepte vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentioned, and euerye of them (excepte the sayde acte made for the preseruation of woodes, as is aforesayde) shoulde contynue and endure in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kepte vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente, then nexte folowynge, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned, more playnelye appeareth.

And where also at the Sessyon of the Parlyamente ended at Westmynster

westminster the.xiiij.daye of Marche, in the third yeare of the raygne of oure late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Edwarde the Sixte, one acte was made for the true courryinge of leather, whiche act was made to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same acte more playnelye appeareth.

And where also at the Session of a parliament ended at Westminster the fyxte daye of Februarye, in the fourth yeare of the raygne of our sayde late Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edwarde the Sexte, one Acte was then and there made concernyng the buyinge of rother beastes. And also one other acte was then and there made, touchynge the buyinge and sellinge of butter and chese, whiche sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and contynue vnto the ende of the next parlyamente, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doeth and may appeare.

And where also at the Session of a parlyamente by prorogatyon holden at Westminster the.xxiii. daye of Januarye, in the fyxte yeare of the raygne of our sayde late Soueraygne Lorde king Edward the Syxte, one other acte was then and there made, agaynste regratours and forstallers, to endure vnto the ende of the next parlyament which all and synguler the sayde actes aboue mentioned together, with the sayde acte for the preseruatyon of woddes, at a Parlyamente holden at Westminster the fyxte daye of Marche, in the seuenthe yeare of the raygne of oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde kynge Edwarde the Sixt, and there continued and dissolued the laste daye of the same moneth of Marche, and al clauses, articles, and prouysions in them, and euery of them conteyned, were there reuyued and continued, to stande in theyr force and strengthe vntyll the laste daye of the nexte Parlyamente.

And where also at the Session of a parlyamente holden by prorogation at Westminster the.xxiiij. daye of October, in the fyxte yeare of the raygne of oure mooste gratious Soueraigne Ladye the Quenes maiestie, and there continued and kepte vntyll the dissolutyon thereof, one acte was there made and establyshed, agaynste vnlawefull and rebellious assembles, to endure to the ende of the nexte parlyamente, as by the same acte more playnely doth and maye appeare.

And where also at the same Session of parliament laste before mentioned, all and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme contynued at sondrye parliamentes, as is aforesayde, and al clauses, articles, and prouysions in them and euerye of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next parlyament.

And wher also at a parliament begon and holden at Westmynster

the.xij. day of Nouember, in the fyrſt and ſecond yeares of the reignes of oure mooſte gratious Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye the kynge and Quenes maieſties, and there contynued and kepte vnto the diſſolution of the ſame, beynge the ſixtenth daye of Januarye then next enſuynge, one acte was then and there made agaynſte ſeditious wordes and rumours, to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the ſame acte more playnelye it doeth and maye appeare. And where alſo in the ſayde Parlyamente laſte before recited, al and ſynguler the actes aboue mentioned that were before that tyme contynued at ſondry parlyamentes as is aforeſayde, and all clauſes artycles and prouiſyons in them and euerye of them conteyned, were by auctho̅rytye of the ſayde parliamente, there reuiued and continued to ſtande in theyr force and ſtrengthe, vnto the laſte daye of the nexte parlyament.

And where at a parliamente begonne and holden at Weſtmynſter the one and twentye daye of October, in the ſeconde and thyrde yeares of the reygnes of our aforeſayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kynge and Quenes Maieſtyes, and there contynued vntyl the diſſolution of the ſame, beynge the nynth daye of December then nexte enſuinge, one Acte was then and there made for the keppynge of milche kyne, and for the breadynge and rearynge of calues. And one other act for the reedifienge of decayed houſes of huſbandrye, and for the encreſe of Tyllage, the ſayde three ſeuerall actes to endure tyll the laſte daye of the nexte parliament. Foraſmuche as all and ſinguler the ſayde ſeuerall actes aboue mentioned be good and beneficiall for the common wealth of thys Realme.

Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the kyng and Quenes Maieſties, oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, with the aſſente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys preſente parliamente aſſembled, and by the auethoritie of the ſame, that all and ſinguler the ſayde ſeuerall actes and eſtatutes aboue mentyoned and rehearſed, and euery of them, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in them and euerye of them conteyned, ſhall be reuyued, contynued, ſtande, and endure in theyr full force and ſtrengthe, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, and ſhall be obſerued and kepte in all thinges vntyll the laſte daye of the nexte parlyamente.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by the auethoritie aforeſayd that thys preſente acte of continuaunce of ſtatutes, or anye thing therin conteyned, ſhall not in anye wyſe extende, to repeale or make voyde one acte of parliamente, entituled, an acte for the ſale of dyuers wynes and ſpyces broughte in by marchauntes, made and ordeyned in thys preſente parliamente, nor any clauſe, article, or matter therein conteyned, but that the ſame Acte, and euerye thynge therein conteyned, ſhall be of as good ſtrengthe, force, and effecte, to all intentes,

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and purposes as if thys acte of continuaunce of statutes, had not bene had nor made, anye thinge herein conteyned to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandyng.

And where in the parlyamente begonne and holden at Westmynster the.xxi.day of October, in the second & third yeares of the reygnes of our sayde Soueraygne lorde and ladye, kyng Phylippe and Quene Marye, and there continued and kept vntyll the.ix.day of December then next ensuynge, one acte was then and there made, entytuled, an acte for the releyse of the pore, the sayd acte to endure to the latter ende of the fyrst session of the next Parliament. Forasmuch as the sayde acte is good and beneficiall for the comen welth of this realme, be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed, by the aucthoritie of this presēt Parliament, that the sayde acte, laste aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and all clauses, articles, and prouysions in the same conteyned, shalbe reuyued, contynued, stande and endure, in full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept, in al thynges, vntyll the last day of the next parlyament.

An Acte for the confirmation of the Subsedy of the cleargye.

The.x. chapter.

WHERE THE PRELATES and Clergye of the prouynce of Canterburye, haue most louynglye and lyberally for certayne considerations, geuen and graūted to the kynge and quenes Maiesties, a Subsedy of eyghte shyllynges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and synguler the Spiritual promocions, within the same prouynce, durynge the terme of foure yeares now nexte ensuinge, in suche certayne maner and forme, and with dyuers exceptyons and prouysyons specyfyed and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them therof made and delyuered to the Queenes hyghnes, vnder the Seale of the most reuerend father in God, Reginald Poole Cardinall Archbyshoppe of Canterburye, and prymate of al Englande, as in the same instrument exhibyted in thys present parliamente, more playnely doth appeare, the tenor whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The Prelates and clergye of the prouynce of Canterburye, beynge lawfullye congregated and assembled in a conuocation or Synode vpon greate and weyghtye causes to them purposed, and amongest them well wayed and debated, consideryng their moste bounden duetyes to the kynge and quenes Maiestyes, the great and ample benefytes they haue receyued of their munificency and bountyfull goodnes, for an euident declaration of thir good hartes and myndes, specy

ciallye nowe whē the imminent neceſſitie for the defence of the Realme requyreth preſent ayde and remedye, with one vnyforme agreamente accorde, and conſente together, with mooſte hartye good wyll, haue gi uen and graunted, and by theſe preſentes, doo geue and graunte to the kynge and Queenes Maieſties, one entyre Subſedye, in manner and forme folowynge. That is to ſaye, that euerye Archebyſhoppe, Biſhop, Abbotte, Prior, Abbateſſe, or Prioreſſe, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebē. dary, Prouoſt, maiſter of Colledge, mayſter of Hoſpytalles, parſon and Vycare, and euerye other perſon and perſones, of whatſoeuer name or degree he or they be, enioyninge anye Spyrytuall promocyon or other tempoꝛall poſſeſſyons, to the ſame Spyrytuall promocyons annexed, nowe not deuyded nor ſeperated by acte of Parlyamente or otherwyſe from the poſſeſſion of the cleargye, ſhall paye vnto the king and quenes Maieſties, for euerye pounde that he or they maye yearelye dyſpend by reaſonne of the ſayde Spyrytuall promotyon, the ſumme of Eyght ſhyl lynges. And for the true and certayne knowledge of the yearelye valewe of the ſayde promotyons, and euerye of them, whereof paymente ſhalbe made, the rate, taxacion, valuatyon, and eſtimatyon, remaining of Recorde, in the kynge and queenes Maieſtyes late courte of the firſt Frutes and Tenthes, and nowe in their Courte of the Eſchequer, for the paymente of the Dilme of the cleargye, concernynge all ſuche pro. motions, as be in poſſeſſion of the Cleargye, or anye other, not deuided by acte of Parlyamente, or otherwyſe as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe folowed and obſerued withoute makynge anye other valuation, rate, taxation, or eſtimation, then in the ſayde Recorde is compryſed and mentyo. ned.

And where by the great bountye and godly diſpoſition of the kyng and Queenes Maieſties, certayne relygyous houſes, haue benne of late erected and endowed with Spyrituall and Tempoꝛall poſſeſſy. ons, the tare whereof is not ſpecified in the Recordes of Therchecker or elſe where within anye of their Maieſties Courtes, ſuche taxe and valuation of the poſſeſſyons of the ſayde Relygyous houſes, ſhalbe fo. lowed for the paymente of thys Subſedye, as the Byſhoppe of that di. oceſſe within the whych the ſayde relygyous houſes be ſituated, ſhall vpon dewe ſearche and examination, certifye vnder hys Seale, into the Exchequer before the fyrſte daye of Maye nexte enſuynge, in whyche taxe the ſayd Byſhoppe ſhall and maye make all ſuche allow. aunces as by the acte of Parliamente, made in the ſixe and twentye yeare of the late kyng of famous memoꝛye Henrye theight, of and for the graūtynge of the perpetuall Tenthe, were appoynted, graunted, and aſſigned in the valuation and tare of all Eccleſiaſticall and ſpyry. tuall promocions, for the due and true paymente of the late perpetuall

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tenth, and also shall and maye further allowe all suche Summes of mo nye, as are geuen, assigned, or appoynted to the fyndynge and mayntenaunce of poore menne, Scoole maysters, vshers, gramaryens, choristers and other officers and mynysters, seruynge and founde wythin the sayde Monasteryes, and religyous houses.

Prouyded alwayes that forasmuche as the tenthe parte of the sayde valuation and taxe afore mentyoned, shalbe for a tyme vpon certayne reasonable consyderations and respectes yearelye payde by the Cleargye, soo that there remayneth onelye nyne partes to the incumbente cleare, thys Subsedye of Eyghte shyllynges of the pounde shalbe vnderstande and mente onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of noo more, where and soo longe as the Tenth is or shalbe payde.

Also the sayde Prelates and Cleargye further doo graunte, that thys Subsedye of eyght shyllynges of the pounde, of the yearelye value of euerye promocion, taxed, as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to the king and Queenes Maiestyes, within foure yeares next ensuynge the date hereof. That is to saye, two shyllinges of euerye pounde, in euerye of the sayde foure yeares.

The fyrst paymente thereof to be due at the fyue and twenty daye of Marche, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundred fyftye and eyghte, and the Seconde payment therof to be due, at the fyue and twentye daye of Marche, then next folowynge, whych shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde GOD, a thousand fyue hundred fyfty and nyne.

The thyrde paymente thereof to be de we the fyue and twenty day of Marche, then nexte folowynge, whyche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundred and syxtye.

And the fourthe and laste paymente thereof to be due at the sayd fyue and twentye daye of Marche then nexte ensuynge, whiche shalbe in the yeare of oure Lorde GOD, a thousande fyue hundred syxtye & one, to be delyuered and payde yearelye, by such personne and persons as in thys presente graunte shalbe appoynted, to haue the collectyon thereof, to be payde into the receypte of the kynge and Queenes Maiestyes Escheker, or to suche personne or personnes. place and places, to whome and where it shall please theyr hyghnes to appointe for the receypte thereof, before or at the Tenthe daye of June, in euerye of the sayde foure yeares, wythout payinge anye thynge to the receyuer or receyuours, or to anye other officer or personne by their Maiesties to be assygned, for anye dyscharge, acquittaunce, or Quietus est, vpon paymente and receypte of the same Subsedye, to be geuen and delyuered, but onelye twelue pence for the acquyttaunce.

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Item the sayd prelates and clergye, doo also graunte that euerye preiste and all other spirituall persons, hauyng a pencion by reason of ye dissolution of any the late monasteries, colledges, free chappels, chaun terye, fraternities, guyldes, and hospytalls, or of anye other spirituall dignitie, and corporation, nowe dissolued and extinquished within the sayd prouynce of Canterburye, shall lykewyse paye to their hyghnesse eyght shyllynges of euery pounde of the sayd pencyons, within the said foure yeares, at such dayes and tymes, as is before specifyed, and that for the sure and assertayned payment thereof, deduction and retention of the sayde eyght shyllynges, shalbe made yerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pencion, after the rate of two shillinges of the pound, euery of the sayd foure yeares, to be deliuered and payde vnto their maiesties vse, at such tyme and to such personnes as the Subsedy of eight shyllynges of the pounde aforesayd, shalbe payd vnto.

Item that euery stypendarye preist, receyuyng annuall stipende of eyght pounde by the yeare and vnder, (beinge no perpetuitie) wythin the sayde prouince, shall paye vnto their Maiesties vse fyue shyllynges eyght pence yearelye, duryng the said foure yeares, at such tyme and to such persones as the sayde Subsedy shalbe payde, and vnder the same penaltyes as the rest of the clergye doo paye for their promotions. And that euery preist receyuyng aboue eight pounde yearely and not aboue ten pounde, to paye lykewyse tenne shyllynges. And that euerye preyst receyuynge aboue tenne pounde, and not aboue twentye markes, to paye thyrtene shyllynges foure pence yerelye, durynge the sayde foure yeares, at suche tyme and to suche personnes as the sayde Subsedye shalbe payde. And that euerye preist takynge stypende aboue twentye markes, to paye likewyse two shyllynges of the pounde, euerye yeare duringe the sayde foure yeares, in such maner and forme as the reste of the clergye doo paye for their promotion spirituall, and for defaulte or lacke of payment by the said stipendaryes, that euerye personne, vycar, or other spirituall or temporall person, proprietarye, or fermour, hyryng anye preist to serue in anye place, shalbe answerable for the paiment of the saide preiste in that behalfe, after the sayde rates, and shal and may make retencion of his and their wages quarterlye, of soo muche as the sayde stipendaries be charged with, by this presente commyssyon and graunte euerye of the sayde foure yeares.

Item the sayde prelates and clergye, further doo graunt that euery Archebyshoppe and Byshoppe, and the Sea beynge vacante, euerye Deane and Chapter of that Sea voyde, shalbe Collectoures of thys Subsedye, within their proper Dyocesse, durynge the sayde foure yeares.

And to thintente the kynge and quenes Maiesties maye be surelye and duelye answered and payde of the sayde Subsedye, in maner and forme aforesayde, and the Collectoure of the same throughlye charged

ged and discharged accordynge to the tenure of this graunt.

The sayde prelates and Cleargye do ordeyne and decree with oue assente and consente, that euerye Collectoure of the aforesayde Subsidye, and of euerye parte and percell thereof, and theyr lawefull deputye or deputies, shall haue full power and aucthoritie agaynste euerye personne and personnes lyable, charged and bounde to paye the sayde Subsidye or anye parte thereof, denyinge, refusynge, or delayinge to paye the same, or makynge anye defaulte in the paymente thereof, at the daye or dayes that it oughte to be payde (after lawfull warnynge to them geuen personallye, or at theyr Churches or mansyons) to procede with the censures of the Churche, that is to saye, by suspentyon, excommunication, or interdiction, and also by sequestration of the fruictes and profytes of theyr benefices or promotions spyrytuall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same fruictes, and by all other lawefull remedyes by theyr discretions thoughte conuenyent, to coarte, constrayne, and coupell them and euerye of theym, to the full and vndelayde satisfaction of the sayde Subsedye, and euerye part and percell thereof, and shal also haue lyke power and aucthoritie, bothe to absolue or cause to be absolued, all personnes soo payinge, from all the sayde censures and other paynes, and also to release and reuoke al such processe as shall be made agaynste them, or anye of them, after they shal haue fullye satisfyed the sayde Subsedye accordingelye. And vpon full paymente or satisfaction of the sayde Subsidye or anye parte thereof, all suche acquittaunce or acquittaunces, whyche shall be made by the collectoure or his lawfull deputye, shall be sufficiente for the discharge of the same.

Prouyded alwayes, and it is ordeyned and decreed, that all and euerye personne and personnes, refusinge or neglectinge to pay the said Subsedye at tyme conueniente, as is aforesayde, shall for hys or theyr fyrste defaulte or necligence in not payinge the Subsedye, accordynge to the purporte and tenure of this graunte, beare all the charges and reasonable expences of the sayde Collectoure or his deputye, in coming goynge, and demaundinge of the same, and for the seconde tyme lykewyse offendynge in none paymente, to paye to the sayde Collectoure, or hys deputye the fourth parte of the sayde Subsedye, ouer and aboue the sayde summe vpon him or his churche or personne allotted and taxed, whyche he is bounde to paye, and charged by thys acte of free graunte.

Also the sayde prelates and clergye do further ordeyne and decree, that yf anye personne or personnes aboue named, chargeable to thys Subsedye, or anye parte thereof, after the sayde censures and processe executed agaynst him or them, yet styll obstinatelye refuse, neglecte, or make delaye to paye the same, or anye parte thereof as is aforesayde,

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that then after lawefull monition geuen vnto him or them, refusing, neglectinge, or delayinge by the sayde Collectoures, or theyr lawefull deputie or deputies, personallye, or at theyr Churches, do skyll by the space of thyrtye dayes, refuse, or neglecte to make payment of the sayd Subsidye, that then, and in euerye suche case, it shall be lawefull to the sayd collectoure or his lawefull deputye, euerye suche personne so refusing, neglectinge, or delayinge and contemnynge these former proffelles, to depryue, amoue, and destitute from his or their benefyce, spyrytual promotion, or pention Ecclesiasticall, anye appellation, inhibition, or other remedye, ordinarye or extraordinarye notwithstandynge, the sayd personnes so refusyng, to be and remayne for euer without hope of regresse to suche theyr promotion as he or they shalbe depryued of, for the causes aforesayde, by anye newe presentacion of him or them to be made to the same. And that it shall be lawefull to the patrone of the sayde benefyce or benefices, or other Ecclesiasticall promotions, from whyche the sayd personne or personnes so neglectinge to paye shall be deprived, to presente vnto, or conferre euerye suche benefyce or promocyon Spyrytuall, as yf the sayde Incumbente, or Incumbentes were deceased.

Item the sayde prelates and clergye further do ordeyne and decre, that of so muche, as the sayde Collectours shalbe charged within their accounptes, clearelye to be payde into the receipte of the sayde Eschequer, or to suche personne or personnes as it shall pleasse the kynge and Quenes maiesties to appoynte for the receypte of the same, shall be allowed to the sayde collectoure vpon his sayde accoumpte for the same, for euerye pounde sixe pence, by waye of rewarde, or in lieue of hys charges, collection, portage, conueyinge, and payinge of the sayd Subsedye.

Prouyded alwayes that no Spyrytual promotion, or anye landes, possessions, or reuenues annexed to the same, beynge charged by thys graunte or acte of the prouynce of Canterburye, or anye goodes or cattelles growynge, beynge or renewynge of the same, or appartaynynge to the owners of the same Spirituall promotions, shall be charged or made contributorye to anye .xb. or anye other Subsedye all readye graunted, or within fyue yeares nexte ensuynge the date of thys present to be graunted by the laytye to the kynge and quenes highnesses.

Item, the sayde prelates and cleargye further graunte, that all Deanes, Archedeacons, Dignities, Prebendaries, preachers, and petye Canons, of al Cathedrall and Collegiate Churches within the said prouynce, shal be charged with this Subsidye for theyr owne portyons onelye, thereof to paye eyghte shyllynges of the pounde, wyth in the sayde foure yeares, as is aboue rehearsed, and that those portyons of rentes and reuenues whyche theyr hyghnes, or anye of theyr moste

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noble progenitours, or any other persons, haue giuen vnto the sayde ca thedrall or Collegiate Churches, for the mayntenaunce of poore men, Scoole maysters, vshers, gramariens, choristers, and other officers and mynysters, not to be charged with anye parte of thys Subsedye.

Prouyded also that euery parson, vicare, or spirituall man, payinge anye pencion wherof no allowaunce is made in the valuatyon of hys sayde benefice, in the recordes of the sayde late Courte of fyrste frutes, or Eschequer, or otherwyse, shall and maye retayne two shyllynges of euerye pounde, of euerye such pencion, euery yeare durynge the sayde foure yeares, to his owne releyfe, in consideration that he is charged to paye hys Subsedye of eyght shyllynges of the pounde, out of euerye pounde of the sayd pention. Any thinge to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

Prouyded also that where certayne landes, tenementes, rentes, tythes, pentions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongynge to dyuerse cathedrall churches, and other places ecclesiastycal, within the sayde prouynce of Canterburye, or anye other yearelye paymentes, goyng out or being paide out of the sayde Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses, or anye of them, whyche were geuen and assygned to be bestowed, and spente to and vpon the fyndyng and maintenaunce of certaine chauntryes, anniuersaryes, obyttes, lyghtes, lampes, and other lyke thinges intentes, and purposes, be of late come into the handes and possession of the kynge and Quenes Maiestyes, oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, by force of a statute therof made in the fyrst yeare of the reygne of our late Soueraigne lorde kyng Edwarde the syxte, as by the same Statute more playnelye appearethe. That the sayde cathedrall churches and the Deanes or presydentes, and chapters of the same, and all other places and personnes to whom the sayde landes, rentes, and all other the premisses or anye of them did lately apperteyne, shall not be charged to and with anye contributyon or payniente of thys Subsedye, of and for that parte or portion wherevnto the kynge and quenes maiesties, be and hath benne entituled or possessed of, nor of, and for anye the sayde yearelye paymentes, goynge out or payde out of the premisses, or anye parte thereof. But that thys sayde Subsedye shalbe vnderstande to be chargeable and dewe onelye of all and singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencyons, portyons, frutes, and other hereditamentes, which do yet styll remayne, not disseuered from the handes and possession of the sayde cathedrall churches, and other the places and personnes aforesayde. And that deduction and allowaunce be made to them and euerye of them, in the payment of the sayde Subsedye, out of the valuation taratyon, and estymatyon, made for the payniente of the sayde Disme, remaynynge of record, in the kyng and quenes maiesties court of the Eschecker, for that

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rate and portion or yearelye paymente whiche is come into the handes and possession of our sayde Soueraygne lord and lady, or otherwise seuered from the possessions of the sayde cathedrall churches, and other places and parsons aforesayde, by force of the Statute premysed.

Prouyded also that euerye parsonne and vicar, whose benefyce is aboue the valuation of fyue poundes, and not aboue sixe pound thirtene shillinges and foure pence, after the rate of the late perpetual tenth shall paye euerye yeare of the sayd foure yeares onelye, Syxe shillinges eyght pence, as Stipendary preistes of eyghte pounde yerelye wages benne charged to do by force of this acte, and graunte, and none otherwyse. And that all parsons and vycars, whose benefices be of the valuation of fyue pound or vnder, after the rate of the sayde late perpetuall Tenth, shall not be charged nor chargeable with thys Subsedye, or anye parte thereof.

Prouyded alwayes that thys Subsedye graunted by the cleargy shall not be demaunded or leuyed oute of anye benefyce, house of studentes, or colledge, scituate or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde & Cambryde, or of anye benefice, or other reuenues, vnto anye house of Studentes, or colledge in Oxforde or Cambrydge, vnyted appropried, or appertayninge, or of the colledge of Eaton nighe Windesoure, or of the Colledge of Wincheſter, founded by Wyllyam Wyckeham, sometyme Bysshoppe of Wyncester, or anye pore men, women or chyldren lyuynge of almesse, in anye Hospitalles, almesse houses, almesse halles, or of gramer scooles, or of anye other churche or benefice, or of anye other reuenues of the sayde houses, Colleges, or hospitalles, almesse houses, or almesse halles, or gramer scooles, or to anye of them annexed, appropried or other wyse appertaynynge.

Prouyded also that euerye preist and all other late professed religious parsons, hauyng a pention by reson of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappells, Chauntryes, Fraternytyes, Guyldes, and Hospytalls, or anye other incorporation, within the prouynce of Canterburye, and beynge of the iumme of foure shyllynges or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged or chargeable to the saide Subsedye or anye parte thereof, for anye suche pencion of fourtye shyllynges or vnder. Anye thinge conteyned in this graunte to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

Fynally the sayde Prelates and Cleargye, beynge desyrous that the sayde Subsedye maye be entierlye contented and payde to thuse of the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, within the sayde foure yeares, do graunt, ordeyne, and degre, that yf it shall happen in thende of the sayde foure yeares, anye arrerages of the sayde Subsedye, to be behynde vnpayde by reason of the erilitie, and decaye of anye benefyces, or other spirituall promotions, lyable to thys Subsedye, That then it

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shalbe lawefull to euerye Archebyshoppe and Byshoppe, within their seuerall Diocesse, by the consente of his cleargye, and the Sea beynge voyde, to the Deane and Chapter of that Sea voyde, to assesse & taxe all and singuler the ecclesiasticall promotions, within their sayde seuerall Diocesse, to become contributors to the full satisfaction of the sayd Subsidye, the same to be collected, leuied, and payde the nexte yeare immediatelye ensuynge the sayde forth yeare, at the dayes and vnder the paines, forme, & qualities aboue limitted. Any thing in this graunt to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

And for the true and sure payment of thys Subsidye graunted by the sayde Prelates and Clergye of the prouynce of Canterburye, accordynge to the tenor, purporte, effecte, and true meaning of thys presente instrument. The sayde Prelates and Cleargye moost humbly desire and requyre the kynge and Queenes moost excellent Maiesties, that it maye be enacted by auctoritie of this presente Parlyament, that the prouysyons conteyned in the foresayde graunte, shall stande good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, and mentyoned in the sayde graunt. And that al processes & penaltyes, & al other clauses, touchyng the payment of the sayde Subsidye, and the leuynge and collectyon of the same, and of euerye perceil thereof, maye be by the sayde Prelates and Cleargye, and theyr lawefull deputyes, putte in due execution accordynge to the true meanynge thereof, wythoute incurrynge anye penaltyes or daungers of anye lawes and statutes of this Realme.

And for the true and sure paymente of the sayde Subsidie, graunted by the sayde prelates and cleargy, of the sayd prouyce of Canterbury accordynge to the tenor, effecte, and true meanyng of the sayd instrumente. Be it enacted by the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, with thassente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parlyamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the sayde gifte and graunte, and euerye matter, summe of monye, prouision, clause, and sentence in the sayde instrumente conteined be ratified established, and confirmed by thauctoritie aforesayde.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that euerye persoone that shalbe appoynted to the collectyon and gatherynge of the sayde Subsidye, shall haue full power and auctoritie to leuye take and perceyue the same Subsidye, by thauctoritie of the censures of the churche, in maner and forme as in the sayde instrument of graunt is conteyned, without daunger of the lawes of thys Realme or by distresse vpon the possession of the fermours or occuppyers of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable by the sayde instrumente, for or to the payment of anye summe or summes of monye, or otherwyse by the discretion of the collector thereof. And that no repleuye, prohybition, or

ſuperſedias ſhalbe allowed, or obeyed for anye perſon or perſonnes, ma-
kynge defaulte of payment of the ſayd Subſidy, contrary to the tenor
of the grauntes thereof, vntyll ſuche tyme as they haue truelye ſatyſfy-
ed and contented all ſuche parte and porcions, as to thē in that behalfe
appertayneth. And that euerye ſuche fermoure and fermoures, their
executours and aſſignes, that ſhall fortune hereafter, to be charged to
and with the paymente of the ſayd Subſidye, or anye parte therof ſhal
by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, be allowed and retayne in his handes, as
muche of his yereſye rente and ferme, as the ſumme whyche he ſhal for-
tune to paye for his Lorde or leſſor ſhall extende vnto, excepte the ſayde
fermor or fermours, their executors and aſſignes, by the leaſe & graūte
that they haue of anye parte of the landes and tenementes, chargeable
to thys ſayde Subſidye, or by force of anye couenaunt or artycle, ther-
in conteyned, be bounden and charged to paye the ſame, and thereof
to diſcharge their leallor and landelorde, duringe the terme mentioned
in the ſayde leaſſe.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by thaucthoritie of thys
preſente parliament, that euerye laye perſon hauyng a ſpirituall promo
tion chargeable by this acte, and alſo hauynge temporall poſſeſſions,
goodes, cattells, and debtes, chargeable to this Subſidy, graunted by
the temporaltye, ſhalbe charged, taced, and ſet for thys ſayde ſpyrytuall
promocions with the clergye and for hys ſayd temporal poſſeſſions, &
cattells, with the temporaltye, and not otherwyſe, anye thynge before
mentioned to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

And be it further enacted, by thaucthoritie of thys preſente parly-
amente, that the ſayde archebyſhoppes, and Biſhoppes, and other per
ſonnes chargeable to and with the collection of the ſayde Subſidye of
eyghte ſhyllynges of the pounde, within the ſayde prouynce of Canter
burye, ſhall haue vpon euerye paymente thereof made in the Queenes
courte of the eſcheker, or ells where the kynge and queenes Maieſtyes
ſhall appoynte the ſame to be payed, a ſufficiente acquittaunce in wry-
tynge, of ſuche perſon or perſonnes, as their maieſties ſhal appoynt for
the receypte thereof, the ſame acquittaunce witneſſing the ſame receipt
of as muche of the ſame ſumme of the ſame Subſidye, as ſhal be by any
of them ſo receyued, and euerye ſuch acquytaunce, in wrytinge ſealed, &
ſubcrybed with the name or names of euerye ſuch perſon or perſonnes
that ſo by their highneſſes appoyntment ſhall receyue anye of the ſayde
Summes of monye, ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, and al
ſo a ſufficiente diſcharge, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes,
as if it were made by acte of Parlyamente. And that euerye perſonne
and perſonnes, which ſhall haue and receaue anye ſuche acquitaunce,
ſhall paye but onelye two pence, for euerye of the ſame acquyt-
taunces.

Be it also further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunte and grauntes of all and euery Summe and Summes of mony which hereafter shall be graunted to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties by the clergye of the prouynce of Yorke, shall be of the same strengthe, force, and effecte, in all thynges as the sayde graunte made by the sayde prouynce of Canterburye, and shall be tared, certyfyed, collected, leuied, and gathered accordynge to the tenoure, fourme, and effecte of thys presente acte of parlyament, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, in such maner as though it were speciallye, playnely and perticulerlye expressed and rehearsed in this acte by expresse wordes, tearmes, and sentences in theyr seuerall natures and kyndes.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all prouysos before rehearsed, conteyned in the sayde graunt of the prelates and cleargye of the prouynce of Canterburye, and the lyke or the same prouisions hereafter to be conteyned in the graunte of the prelates and clergye of the prouynce of yorke, shall be good and effectuall and to be obserued and kepte in euerye poynt and article, accordyng to the true purport and meanyng of the same.

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The.xi. chapter.

WE THE KINGE AND Queenes Maiesties, mooste humble, faythfull, and obedyent Subiectes, the Lordes spyrytuall and temporall and the commons in this presente Parlyamente assembled, callynge to oure remembraunce the greate and manifold charges, which theyr graces haue all readye susteyned by the reason of thys presente war, that their hyghnes haue had, and yet haue agaynste the frenche kyng and Scottes, the auncyente enemyes of thys Realme, and perceiuinge also that the malyce of the same Frenche kynge and Scottes are suche that they haue and daylye doo practise by al dishonorable wayes and meanes, with the aide and power of all theyr confederacies and alies, to anoye theyr Maiestyes, and thys theyr Realme, and other the Domynyons of the same, and by all lykelyhode, yf oportunitie of time and place soo permitte, do mynde to

make some invasion into sundry partes of thys realme, as well vpon the Sea coste as els where, which yf it shoulde happen, woulde be noo small annoyaunce as well to theyr Maiesties, as to the hole estate of thys Realme. For the wyse prevention and resistence wherof (lest any such shuld happen to be attempted) their highnes shalbe enforced not onely to mainteine a conuenient number, and nauye of shyppes vpon the narrowe Seas, but also a greate power and number of Souldyoures, to continue in diuers and sondrye partes of the borders & frountiers of thys realme, redy prepared to all purposes, to resist al such malicious attemptes or invasions, and to defend the libertye and honour thereof, which cannot be putte in order and redines, withoute greate Summes of monye, to be defrayed and employed for the same. And furthermore considering that the same shall not be onely for the suertye of their maiesties persones (whome we pray to God may longe raygne ouer vs,) and likewyse for the suertye of thys Realme, and theyr Maiesties louynge Subiectes of the same; but also maye be a greate terroure, feare, and discourage to the sayde frenche kynge and Scottes, and all theyr confederates, and alies, to attempt anye suche invasion or other enterpryse. Haue graunted vnto our sayd Soueraygne lady, her heyres and Successoures, one Subsidye, and one .xv. and tenth, to be layed, rated, and leuied of our goodes, cattells, landes, & tenementes, in maner and fourme as hereafter in this presente acte is limitted and conteyned. And albeit that we doubte not but ỹ our sayde moste gracious Soueraygne lorde and ladye assure them selues, that we their gracious moste louynge subiectes, knowe the same to be farre vnder the charges which their maiesties are like to sustaine in this behalfe. Yet neuertheles we moost humbly beseech theyr hyghnes to accepte this our gyfte, as a declaration of our true and moste faythfull hartes, who be, and by gods assistence alwayes shalbe, by all wayes and meanes, and in all respectes, readye to serue with all conformitie and obedience for the preseruation of theyr moste royall persones, and defence and suertye of this theyr maiesties realme and dominions, as to the dutye of good and obedient subiectes appertayneth.

Wherefore we the sayd lordes and commons, for the great & vrgent considerations aforesayd, by one hole assent, by auctoritie of this present parliament, doo gene and graunt to our said Soueraygne Ladye, the quenes highnes, her heires and successoures, towardes the sayd great costes and inestimable charges, one hole .xv. and tenth, to be paide, taken & leuied of the moueable goodes, cattels, and other thinges vsuall to such .xv. and tenth, to be contributorye and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, & other places of this theyr maiesties realme, in maner and fourme aforetime vsed, except the summe of fiue thousaunde pounde thereof fully to be deducted of the Summe

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that one hole.xv.and tenth attayneth vnto in releife,comforte and discharge of the poore cities,townes,& boroughes of this her sayde realme, wasted desolate,or distroyed,or ouer greatly empouerished, after suche rate as was and hath afore this time bene had and made vnto euerye Shire,and to be deuided in suche maner and forme as heretofore for one hole.xv.and tenth hath ben had and deuided.

And the sayde one hole.xv.and tenth,the exceptions and deductyons aforesayde therupon hadde, deducted,and allowed,to be payde in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye,the hole.xv.and tenth to be payde to her assignes in the receypte of her highnes eschequer,before the tenth daye of Nouember next commynge.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde,that the knightes elected and returned of,& for the Shires within thys realme for this presente Parliamente, Citezens of Cytyes, and Burgesses of Boroughes and townes, where collectours haue bene vsed to be named and appoynted for the collection of anye.xv.and tenth,before this tyme graunted,shall name and appoynte before the laste daye of Auguste nexte comminge,sufficient and able persons,for the Collection of the sayde.xv.and tenth,in euery of the sayd Shyres,Cities,boroughs and townes,the sayde personnes then haupnge landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes,in his owne ryghte, of an estate of inheritaunce of the yearelye value of tenne poundes,or in goodes worth one hundreth poundes at the leaste. And also such person or persons,soo by them to be named and appoynted for the collection of the sayd.xv. and tenth,shalbe by them seuerallye apoynted, and allotted into hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes,cities,boroughes,and townes. And also the said persons so named and apoynted for the collection of the same.xv. and tenth,shalbe charged and chargeable vpon hys or theyr accoumpte or accoumptes in the eschequer,to be made with all suche summe or summes of monye,as the hundredes,rapes, wapentakes,cities,boroughes and townes where he or they shall so happen to be appointed amount vnto,and of no more summe or summes.

And vpon the paymente of suche Summes of monye, as he shalbe charged with, shall be discharged and haue hys Quietus est, the none accoumptinge,or none paiments of any other his fellowes,or the insuffyciencye of them or anye of them, notwithstandynge. And the names and surnames of euerye of the sayde Collectoures for the sayde xv.and tenth together,with the place allotted to theyr Collection and charge,the said knightes,citezens,& Burgesses for the Shyres, cities, and boroughes wherunto they be elected,named,and returned, shall certifye before the kynge and quene in theyr chauncery, before the.xiii. daye of October nowe nexte folowynge,accordynge to the tenure of this acte. And yf defaulte of anye suche certifieng be hadde or made, in

fourme as is abouesayde, then the lorde Chauncellour of England for the time beynge, shall immediatelye after name and appointe Collectoures for the collection of the same .xb. and tenth, in manner & fourme as the sayde knightes of the shyre, citizens of cities, and Burgesses of Burroughes shoulde haue done, and as aforetyme haue bene vsed. The whiche sayde collectours and euerye of them shall haue like allowaunce vpon theyr accounptes, for theyr fees, wages, and rewardes for the collection of the sayde .xb. and tenth, in as large manner and forme as anye collectoure or collectoures of .xb. and tenth, haue had at anye season in time paste. And that the barons of the kynge and Queenes Escheker for the time beinge, shall and maye from time to tyme award suche proces for the spedye paymente thereof agaynste the collectoure and collectoures of the same, as by theyr dyscretions shall be thoughte conuenyente.

Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of thys presente parliamente, that the sayde Lorde Chauncellour, knyghtes of the shyres, Citisens of Cities, and Burgesses of Burroughes, Townes and other places, hauynge auctho[r]itie by this presente acte, to name and nominate the sayde Collectoures, of, or for the sayde fyftene and tenth, shall vpon theyr nomination and election hadde and made, take by auctho[r]itie of this presente parliamente, sufficiente recognysaunce, or by obligation of euerye persone so by them to be named to be bounden to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties in the double Summe of theyr collection, and to be endorsed vppon suche condityon, that yf the sayde collectoure or collectoures, doo truelye contente and paye to the vse of the kynge and Queene in theyr receypt of theyr Eschequer before the sayde tenth daye of Nouember nowe nexte ensuynge, soo much of the Summe of mony, allotted and appoynted to his collectyon, as the same Collectoure shall haue collected and gathered. And do lykewyse after the sayde tenth daye of the moneth of Nouember, contente and paye to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties vses at the same receypte, the residue of his collection & charge, w[i]thin one moneth nexte after suche tyme as he shal haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde. or ells to stande in his full strength and vertue, which recognisaunce or obligatyons soo taken, the sayde knyghtes of the Shyre, Citesens and Burgesses, and euerye of theym, takynge anye suche recognisaunces or obligatyons, shall certifye and deliuer to the Lorde Tresurer and Baronnes of the same Eschequer, before the sayde tenth daye of Nouember nowe nexte ensuynge, vppon payne of forfeyture of tenne pounde to the Queene for euerye recognysaunce or obligatyon soo to be taken and not certified.

And that euerye suche collectoure vpon requeste to hym made, shall

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make and knowledge the same recognisaunce or obligation according lye, vpon lyke payne and forfeyture of tenne pounde to the Quene for his refusall therof. And that the Treasurer or Barons of the eschekier vpon the payment of the same collection, or at the sayde daye, shall cancell and deliuer the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to the sayde collectoure or collectoures, without any fee, or rewarde to be payd to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the greate and weyghtye considerations aforesayde, we the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons in this presente Parliamente assembled, do by our like assent and authoritie of this present Parliament, geue and graunt to our said Soueraygne Lady the Quenes Maiestie, her heyres and Successours, one entyer Subsidye, to be rated, taxed, leuied, and payde at one hole and entyre paymente, of euerye personne Spyrytuall and Temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be, accordynge to the tenoure of this acte, in manner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye, as well of euery personne borne within this realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Quenes dominions, as of all and euerye Fraternitie, Guilde, corporation, Misterye, Brotherheade, and Cominaltye, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the quenes dominions, beyng worth fyue pounde, for euerye pounde, as well in coyne, and the valewe of euerye pounde that euery suche personne, Fraternitie, Guylde, Corporation, Mysterye, Brotherheade, and Comynaltye, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of marchaundises, all maner of corne and blades, householde stuffe, and of all other goodes moueable, as well within thys Realme as without, and of al suche sumes of monye as to him or them is or shalbe owyng, wherof he or they trust in his or their consciences surely to be payde (excepte and out of the premisses deducted such summes of monye as he or they owe, and in hys or theyr consciences truely intendeth to paye, and excepte also the apparell of suche personnes, theyr wyues and chyldren belongynge, to theyr owne bodies, sauyuge Iuells, golde, syluer, stone and pearle) shal paye to and for the sayde Subsidye, two shyllynges eyght pence of euerye pounde.

And also of euerye alien borne oute of the Queenes obeysaunce, as well Denizen as other, inhabitinge within the Realme, of euerye pounde that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of euerye pounde in plate, corne, grayne, marchaundise, householde stuffe or other goodes Iuells, Cattelles, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforesayde, as well within this Realme as without, and of all summes of monye to him or them owyng, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience or consciences to be payde (excepte and of the same premisses deducted euery

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ſuche Summe or ſummes of monye which he or they doo owe, and in his or theyr conſcience or conſcientes intendeth truelye to pay) ſhal pay of and for euerye pounde, to and for the payment of the ſayd Subſedy fyue ſhyllynges foure pence for euery pounde.

And alſo that euerye alien and ſtraunger, borne oute of the quenes dominions, beyng denizen or not denizen, not beynge contributorye to anye of the rates abouеſayde, ſhall paye to and for the payment of the ſayde Subſedy, eyght pence for euery poll, and the mayſter, or he or ſhe with whome the ſame alien is or ſhalbe abidinge at the tyme of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that euerye perſon borne vnder the quenes obeyſaunce, and euerye corporation, fraternitie, guylde, miſterye, brotherheade, and cominaltie corporate or not corporate, for euerye pounde that euerye of the ſame perſonnes and euerye corporation, fraternitie, guylde, myſterye, brotherhed and cõminaltye, corporate or not corporate, or anye other to his or their vſe hath in fee ſimple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by executyon, wardeſhyppe, or by coppye of courte roll, of and in any honoures, caſtels Manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, ſeruyces, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearelye profyttes, of the yearelye value of twentye ſhyllynges, as well within auciente demeane, as other places pryuileged, as elles where, and ſo vpwardes, ſhall paye to and for the payment of the ſayde Subſedye, foure ſhyllynges of euerye pounde.

And euerye alien borne oute of the Queenes obeyſaunce, in ſuche caſe, to paye at the ſayde payment eighte ſhyllynges of euerye pounde.

And that all ſummes preſented and chargeable by this acte, either for goodes and debtes, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premiſſes, as is in this acte conteyned, ſhalbe at the ſayde payment ſet and taxed after the rate and portion, accordynge to the true meanynge of thys acte (landes and tenementes chargeable to the dyſmes of the clergye, and yearelye wages due to ſeruauntes for theyr yerely ſeruice (other then the kynge and Quenes ſeruauntes takynge yearelye wages of fyue poundes or aboue, onely except and forpryſed) And that all plate, coyne, iuells, goodes, debtes, and cattelles perſonalles, beynge in the onelye cuſtodye of anye perſonne and perſonnes, to the vſe of anye corporation, fraternitie, Guilde, miſterye, brotherhed, or anye comminaltie, beynge corporate or not corporate, be and ſhall be rated, ſet, & charged by reaſon of thys acte, as the value certifyed by the preſẽters of that certificate, to be ſworne of euerye pounde in goodes and debtes as is abouеſayde. And of euerye pound in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearely profittes, as is abouеſayde.

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And the ſommes that are before rehearſed, ſette, and tared, to be leuyed and taken of them that ſhall haue ſuch goodes in cuſtodye, or otherwiſe charged for landes as is before rehearſed. And the ſame perſonne or perſonnes, and bodye corporate by thauctoritie of this acte, ſhall be diſcharged agaynſte him or them that ſhall or ought to haue the ſame at the tyme of the paymente or delyuerye thereof, or at hys otherwyſe departure from the cuſtodye or poſſeſſion of the ſame (excepte and alwayes forpryſed from the charge and aſſeſſemente of thys ſubſedye, all goodes, cattells, Juells, and ornamentes of Churches and Chappells, which haue bene ordeyned and vſed in Churches or chappells, for the honoure and ſeruyce of almyghty God.) And this payment of the ſayd ſubſedye ſhall be by auctoritie aforeſayde, tared, aſſeſſed, and rated accordinge to this acte, in euerye Shyre, Ridynge, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne, & euerye other place within this realm of Englande and Wales, and other the Quenes dominions, before the laſte day of Apryll nexte commynge.

And the perticuler Summes of euerye Shyre, Rydynge, Burroughe, Towne, and other places aforeſayde, with the pertyculer names of ſuche as are chargeable for and to the paymente of the ſayde Subſedye, to be tared and ſette by the commiſſioners to the ſame ymitted, or two of them at the leaſte, with the names of the hyghe Collectours, and in the ſame fourme ſhall be certyfyed in the kynge and Quenes Eſcheker, before the laſte daye of Maye nexte commynge, with the names of the hyghe Collectoures of the ſame. And the ſayde Summes in manet and fourme aforeſayde, to be tared, for the paymente of the ſayde Subſedye, ſhall be payde in the kinge and Quenes Receipte of their Eſchequer aforeſayde, to the vſe of oure ſayde Soueraygne Ladye, before the .xxiii. daye of June nexte commynge. And the Summes of and for the ſayde Subſedye, ſhalbe tared, ſette aſked, and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, and payde to the vſe of oure ſayde Soueraygne Ladye, and her heires and Succeſſours in forme aboueſayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchiſes, Sayntuaryes, auncient demeane, and other whatſoeuer place, exempte or not exempte, as without (excepte ſuche Shyres, places and perſonnes as ſhall be forpryſed in and by thys preſente acte) any graunte, charter, preſcription, vſe, or libertie, by reaſon of anye letters patentes or other pryuiledge, preſcription, allowaunce of the ſame, or whatſoeuer other matter of diſcharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vſed or obteyned notwithſtandyng.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie of thys preſente parlyamente, that euerye ſuch perſonne, as well ſuche as be borne vnder the queenes obeyſaunce, as euerye other perſon Straunger borne Denyſen or not denyzen inhabitynge within thys realme, or within Wales, or

or other the Quenes dominions, which at the tyme of the same assessinge or taxation to be hadde or made, shall be out of thys Realme, and oute of Wales, and haue goodes or catteis, landes, or tenementes, fees or annuities, or other profits within this realme, or in Wales, shall be charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabytauntes of the parties where such goodes, catteis, landes, tenementes, or other the premisses then shall be, or in suche other place, where suche personne or his factoure deputye or attorney, shall haue hys moost resorte vnto within this realme or in Wales, in lyke maner as yf the said personne were or hadde ben at the tyme of the sayde assessynge within thys Realme. And that euerye personne abydynge or dwellyng within this Realme or without this Realme, shal be charged or chargeable to the same Subsedye, graunted by thys acte accordinge, and after the rate of suche yeareIye substaunce, or valewe of landes and tenements, goodes, and catteis, and other the premysses, as euerye personne soo to be charged shall be set at the tyme of the sayde assessynge or taxation vpon hym to be made, and in none other wyse.

And furthermore be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that for the assessinge and orderinge of the sayde Subsedye to be duelye hadde, the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the keper of the greate Seale, the Lorde Treasurer of Englande, the Lorde Stewarde of the kynge and Quenes honorable Householde, the Lorde presydente of the kyng and quenes honorable Counsaile, the Lorde kyng Seale for the time beynge, or two of them at the leaste, whereof the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the greate Seale for the time beynge, to be one, shall and maye name and appointe, of and for euerye Shyre and tyding, and other places aswell within this realme as in Wales, and other the Quenes dominions, and also of a for euerye Citye and Towne, beynge a countye in it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, such certayne number of persounes, of euery of the sayd Shires, Rydinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and euerye other place, and other the inhabitaunts of the same, to be Commissioners within the same, whereof they be inhabitauntes, and also of, and for the honorable householde of the quenes Maiestye, and the Lady Elizabethes grace, in what Shyres or other places the sayde householdes shall happen then to be. And the Lorde Chauncellour and other with him before named in lyke maner, maye name and appointe of euerye other suche Burroughe, and towne corporate, aswell in England as in Wales, and other the Quenes dominions as they shall thinke requisite, fyue, foure, three, or two of the heade officers, and other sadde honeste inhabitauntes of euerye of the sayde Citryes, Burroughes, and Townes Corporate, ac-

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coꝛdynge to the number and multitude of people beynge in the ſame. The whiche perſonnes yf anye ſuche be therevnto named, of the ſayde inhabytauntes of the ſaide Burroughes, and Townes Coꝛpoꝛate, not beynge countyes in them ſelfes, ſhalbe ioyned and putte in as commiſſyoners, with the perſonnes named foꝛ ſuche Shyꝛes, and Rydynges, as the ſayde Burroughes, and townes coꝛpoꝛate, not beynge counties in them ſelues, be ſet and haue their beinge, whyche perſonnes ſoo named foꝛ and of the ſaid boꝛoughes, & townes coꝛpoꝛate, not beyng counties, by reaſon of their dwelling in the ſame, ſhall not take vpon thē ne none of thē to put any part of their commiſſion in execution foꝛ the pꝛemyſſes oute of the ſayde Boꝛoughes and Towne Coꝛpoꝛate, wherein they beynge ſo named onelye foꝛ the ſame be dwellynge. And alſo not to execute the ſayde commyſſyon within the Boꝛoughe oꝛ Towne coꝛpoꝛate, where they be ſo dwellynge, but at ſuche dayes, and tymes, as the ſayde other commyſſyoners foꝛ the ſame Shyꝛe, and Rydynge ſhal thereto lymytte and appoynte, within the ſame Burroughe oꝛ towne Coꝛpoꝛate, not beynge countye Coꝛpoꝛate, whereof they ſoo be, and not oute of ſuche Burroughe oꝛ towne, and in that manner to be aydynge and aſſyſtynge wyth the ſayde other commyſſyoners, in, and foꝛ the good executynge of the effecte of the ſayde commyſſyon, vpon paine of euerye of the ſayde commyſſyoners ſoo named foꝛ euerye ſuche cytye Burrough, and towne coꝛpoꝛate, not beyng a county, to make ſuch fine as the ſaid other commiſſioners in the commiſſion of, & foꝛ the ſaid ſhire oꝛ rydynge ſonamed, oꝛ thꝛee of them at the leaſte, ſhall by theyꝛ dyſcretions ſette and certyfye into the kynge and Queenes Elcheker, there to be leuied to the vſe of her Maieſtie, in lyke manner as ſuche oꝛ lyke Sommes hadde benne ſette and rated vpon euerye ſuch perſonne foꝛ the ſayde Subſedye. The whyche commiſſyoners ſo named of and foꝛ the ſayde Cytyes, Burroughes, and Townes, not beynge countyes, & onelye putte in the ſayde commyſſyon by reaſonne of theyꝛ dwellynge in the ſame, ſhall not haue anye parte of the poꝛtion of the fees, and rewardes of the Commyſſyoners and theyꝛ clerkes, in thys acte afterwardes ſpecyfyed. And the loꝛde Chaunceloure of Englande, and keper of the kynge and Queenes greate Seale foꝛ the tyme beynge, ſhall make and directe oute of the courte of Chauncerye, vnder the kinge & quenes greate Seale, ſeuerall commiſſions. That is to ſaye, to euerye Shire, Rydynge, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, cytye, Towne, Burrough Iſle, and houſeholde, vnto ſuch perſonne and perſonnes, as by hys diſcretion and either with him afoꝛe named and appoynted in like maner and fourme as is afoꝛe rehearſed, ſhall be thought ſuffycyente foꝛ the ſeaſſynge and leuyinge of the ſame Subſedye, in all ſhyꝛes and places, accoꝛdynge to the true meanynge of thys acte. Whyche Commyſſyon foꝛ the paymente of the ſayde Subſedye, ſhall be dyꝛected and delyue

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lyuered to the sayde commissioners, or to one of them before the fyrste daye of Apryll nexte comminge, and to euerye of the sayde commyssyons tenne Sedules, conteynynge in them the tenoure of thys acte, shall be affyled, by the whiche commission the commissioners in euerye suche commission, named, accordinge to this acte, and as many of them as shall be appoynted by the same commyssyon, shall haue full power and aucthoryte to putte the effecte of the same commyssyon in execution.

And that by the aucthoritie of this acte, after suche commissyon to them dyrected, they maye by theyr assentes and agrementes, seuer thē selues for the execution of their commyssyon in hundredes, Lathes, wardes, and rapes, Wapentakes, townes, parishes, and other places, within the lymyttes of theyr sayde commyssyon, in suche forme as to them shall seme expediente to be ordered, and betwene them to be commoned and agreed, accordynge to the tenoure and effecte of the commyssyon to them therein dyrected, vpon which seuerannce euerye personne of this presente parliament that shalbe commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundred wherein he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes that no personne be or shal be compelled to be anye commissioner, to and for the execution of this presente Acte, but onelye in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that euerye personne beyng assigned to the contrarye thereof, in anye wise shall not be compelled to putte in execution the effecte of thys acte, or anye parte thereof.

And it is also enacted by the aucthoritie of this presente parliament that the commissioners and euerye of them whiche shalbe named, ymmitted and appoynted accordynge to thys acte, to be commissioners in euerye suche shyre, Ridinge, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Cytye, towne, Burroughe, Isle, and the same householdes, or anye other places, and none other shall truelye, effectuallye, and dylygentlye for theyr parte, execute the effecte of this presente acte, accordinge to the tenour thereof in euerye behalfe, and noo other wyse by anye other meanes, without omission, fauoure, dreade, malyce, or anye other thinge to be attempted and done by them or anye of them to the contrarye therof. And ꝑ same Commyssyoners and as manye of them as shalbe appointed by ꝑ same commission, and none other for the execution of the same Commyssyon and acte, shall for the taxation of the same payment of the sayde Subsidie before the .vi. daye of Apryll nexte commyng, by vertue of the commissions deliuered vnto them in fourme abouesayde, directe theire seuerall or ioynte precepte vnto eight, seuen, sixe, fiue, foure, or thre or mo, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requysyte, of the mooste substanciall discrete, and honest personis inhabytauntes, to be named by the sayde commissioners, or by as manye of them as shalbe appoyn-

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ted by the sayde commission of, and in hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapen takes, wardes, paryshes, townes, and other places, aswell wythin liberties, Fraunchyses, auncient demeane, places exempted, and saintuaryes as without, within the limittes of the shires, rydinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, Cities, Townes, Burroughes, or Isle aforesayde and other places within the limites of theyr commyssyon, vnto the constables, subconstables, Baylyffes, and other like officers, or mynysters of euery of the same hundredes, townes, wardes, lathes, wapentakes, paryshes, and other places beforesayd, as to the same Commyssioners and euerye number of them, or vnder three or two of them by theyr discretion in diuision shall seme expediente, as by the maner & vse of that parties shalbe requisite. Strayghtly by the same precepte chargynge and commaundynge the same inhabitauntes, constables, and other officers aforesayde, to whome suche precepte shalbe soo directed, to appeare in their proper personnes, before the sayde Commyssyoners, or such number of them as they shall deuide them selfes, accordynge to the tenoure of the sayde commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the sayde commissioners or anye number of them as is aforesayde, wythin Cities, Burroughes, and townes Corporate, or wythoute in anye other place, as is aforesayde, by their discretions, shall be lympted there vnto, to doo and accomplyshe al that to them on the partye of, the king and Quenes maiesties, shalbe enioyned touchynge thys acte.

Commaundynge further by the same precepte, that he to whole hands such precepte shall come, shall shewe or delyuer the same to the other inhabytaunts or officers named in the sayde precepte, and that none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, vpon payne of fortye shyllynges, to be forfeyted to the quenes Maiestye.

And it is further ordeyned by the aucthoritie of thys presente Parlyamente, that euerye of the Commyssyoners then beynge, in the Shire, and hauinge noo sufficyente excuse for his absence, shall at the daye and place prefixed, for that parte wherevnto he was lympted to appeare in hys proper personne. And there the same Commyssyoners beynge presente, or almanye as shalbe appoynted by the kynge and Queenes Commyssyon, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabytauntes, and officers, to whome they haue directed their sayde preceptes, and whyche hadde in commaundemente there to appeare by the sayde precepte of the sayde Commyssyoners, and yf anye person soo warned make defaulte, onles he then be letten by sickenes or lawefull excuse, and that let then be wytnessed by the othes of two credible personnes, or yf any appearyng, refuse to be sworne in fourme folowynge, to forfeyte to the kynge and quenes Maiestyes, fortye shillynges, and soo at euerye tyme appoynted by the sayde commissioners, for the sayde taratious, vnto such tyme, the number of euery suche per-

sommes, haue appeared and certified in fourme vnder written, and euerye of them, so makynge defaulte, or refusynge to be swozne, to forfeyt to the kynge and queenes Maiesties, fortye shyllynges. And vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substanciall inhabytauntes, or officer so beynge warned and appearing before the sayde Commyssyoners, shalbe swozne vpon a boke, openlye before the commyssyoners in fourme folowyng. I shal truely enquyre with my felowes, that shalbe charged with me of the hundred, wapentake, warde, towne or other place, of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery person dwellynge and abydynge within the limittes of the places, that I and my felowes shalbe charged with, and of other, which shal haue his or their moste resorte vnto anye of the sayde places, and chargeable with anye summe of monye, by this acte of the sayde subsedy, and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touchyng the said act, and accordyng to the intente of the same. And therevpon as nere as it maye be, or shall come to my knowledge, truelye to presente and certifye before you the names, surnames, and the beste and vttermost substaunce and values of euerye of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other heredytamentes, possessions, and proffyttes, as of goodes, cattells, debtes, and other thynges chargeable by the sayde acte, withoute anye concelemente, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, feare, or malyce, as nere as God wyll geue me grace, so helpe me God and the holye contentes of thys boke.

And euerye other person that shall appeare there by the same preceptes shall make like othe, and vpon the othe so taken as is aforesayd, by the inhabytauntes and officers of euery hundred, ward, wapētake towne, or other place, the saide commissioners, shall openlye there rede or cause to be red vnto them the sayde rates, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme they ought and shoulde make their certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof abouesayde, and of all maner of personnes, as well of aliens & straungers, denizens or not denizens, inhabyting wythin this realme as of such personnes as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce chargeable to thys acte.

And of the possessions goodes and cattels, of fraternityes, guildes corporations, brotherhedes, misteryes, and comminaltyes, and other as is abouesayde, and of persones being in the partyes of beyonde the Seas, haunynge goodes or cattels, landes, or tenementes, within thys Realme as is aforesayd. And of all goodes beyng in the custody of any personne or personnes, to thuse of anye other as is abouesayde, by the whych information, and shewinge the sayd personnes shuld haue such playne knowledge of the true intente of thys presente Acte, and of the maner of their certyfycate, that the same personnes, shall haue no reso

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table cause to excuse them by ignorauncr. And after such othe and the Statute of the sayde Subsidy, and the maner of the sayde certificate to be made in writinge, conteyninge the names and surnames of euery persone, and whyther they be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce or within, and the best value of euery persone, in euery degre, as well of yerely value of landes and tenementes, and of such like possession and profittes, as the value of goodes and catteles, debtes, and euery thinge to the certificate requisite and necessary to them declared the sayd Commissioners there being, shal by theyr discretions apointe and limitte vnto the sayde persones an other daye and place to appeare before the sayde commissioners, and chargynge the sayd persons that they in the meane time shall make diligent enquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euerye of them vpon payne of forfeyture of xl.s. to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed daye, and place, thereto certyfye vnto the sayde commissioners in writinge, according to theyr sayde charge and accordynge to the true intente of the sayde graunt of Subsidye, as to them in maner aforesayde hath bene declared and shewed by the commissioners. At which daye and place soo to them prefixed, yf anye of the sayde persons make defaulte, or appeare, and refuse to make the sayde certificate, that then euery of them so offendinge, to forfeit to the kynge and queenes Maiesties, forty shyllynges, except oneiye a reasonable excuse of his defaulte, by reason of sickenes, or otherwyse by the othes of two credible persones, there witnessed be had. And of suche as appeare redy to make certificate, as is aforesayd, the sayde commissioners there beyng shall take and receaue the same certificate and euerye part therof, and the names and values, & substaunce of euery person so certified. And if the same commyssyoners see cause reasonable they shall examen the sayde presenters therof, and therevpon the sayd commissioners at the sayde dayes and place, by theyr agrement emonges them selfes, shall from time to time openly there prefixe a daye at a certayne place or places within the limittes of theyr commyssyon by theyr discretion, for theyr further proceding to the said assessyng of the sayde Subsidie, and therevpon at the sayde day of the sayd certificate as is aforesayde taken, the same commissioners shall make theyr precepte or preceptes to the constables, subconstables, Baylyffes, or other officers of suche hundredes, Wapentakes, townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same commissioners shall be of, comprysing and conteyninge in the same precepte, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde certificate, of whome yf the sayde commissioners or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the kynge and quenes commission, shal then haue behement suspect to be of more greter value or substaunce in Landes, goodes, catteles, or

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vpon ſuch perſonne or perſonnes ſhalbe certifyed, the ſame commiſſio-
ners ſhall make theyr precepte or preceptes, directed to the conſtables,
baylyffes, or other officers, to who ſuch precept ſhalbe directed, co-
manding the ſame conſtables, bailiffes, or other officers, to warne ſuch per
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ſions, or to theyr perſonnes, that the ſame perſons named in ſuche pre-
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ned by al wayes and meanes by the ſayd commiſſioners, of theyr grea
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o wynge to them, and other whatſoeuer matter concernynge the pre-
miſſes or anye of them, accordinge to thys Acte. At whyche daye and
place ſo prefixed, the ſayde commiſſioners then there beynge, or as ma-
ny of them as ſhalbe therevnto appoynted by the kynge and Quenes
commiſſion, ſhall cauſe to be called the ſayde perſonnes, whoſe names
ſhalbe compriſed in the ſaid precepte, as is beforeſayde, for theyr exami-
nation. And if any of thoſe perſonnes whiche ſhoulde be warned as is
beforeſayde to be examyned, whyche at anye tyme after the warning,
and before the prefixed daye, ſhalbe within ſuche place where he maye
haue knowledge of hys ſayde appearaunce to be made, make defaulte
and appeare not onles a reſonable cauſe, or elles a reaſonable excuſe by
the othes of two credible perſonnes before the ſayde Commyſſyoners
be truely alledged for hys diſcharge, that then euerye of them ſoo ma-
kynge defaulte, to be tared to the kynge and Quenes Maieſtyes,
with and at the double ſummes of the rate that he ſhoulde or ought to
haue ben ſette at for and after the beſte value of hys Landes, or ſub-
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commiſſioners there beynge. And which Commiſſioners ſhall trauell
with euery of the perſonnes ſo then and there appearynge, whoſe na-
mes ſhall be expreſſed in the ſayde precept or preceptes, and in whome
anye vehemente ſuſpecte was or ſhall be hadde, in fourme aforeſaid, by
all ſuche wayes and meanes they can. And that euerye ſpirituall per-
ſon at the ſayde taxations of the ſayde Subſedy, ſhall be rated and ſet
accordynge to the rate aboueſayde, of, and for euerye pounde that the
ſame ſpyrituall perſon or anye other to his vſe hath by diſcent, bargaine
or purchaſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeares, by ex-
ecution, by warde, or by copy of court roll, in anye manoures, Landes,
tenementes, rentes, ſeruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities, or here
ditamentes, after the true, iuſte, and yearelye value thereof, after and
accordynge as other the kynge and Quenes Maieſties ſubiects, born
within this realme be charged in fourme aboue remembred. So that
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any person certyfyed or rated by vertue of this acte, be he commissioner or other to anye maner of value, dothe finde him selfe greued wyth the same presentment, sessynge, or taxynge, and therevpon complayne to the commyssyoners before whome he shall be rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them. That then the sayde comissioners shal by al wayes and meanes examyne particularly and dystinctlye the personne so complaynynge, and other his neygboures by theyr discretion, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specifyed, and of euerye his goodes cattells, and dettes, aboue mencioned, and after dewe exampnacyon and perfytte knowledge thereof had and percepued by the sayd commissioners, whiche shall haue power by the auctoryte aforesayde, the sayde commissyoners or two of them, to whome any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr discretions vpon the oth of the sayde personne soo complaynyng, may abate, defalke, encrease or enlarge the same assessemēt accordynge as it shall appeare vnto them iuste vpon the same exampynation. And the same Summe soo abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, to be streated in fourme as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the estreates of the same assessyng be deliuered by the sayde commissioners, into the kyng and Quenes maiesties escheker. And if it be proued by wytnesse, his owne confessyon, or other lawefull wayes or meanes, within a yeare after any such oth made, that the same person so taxed and sworne was of any better or greter value in lands, goods or other thynges aboue specified at the tyme of his sayd oth, then the same person so sworne did declare vpon his sayd oth that then euerye such person so offendnig, shall lose and forfeyte to the kyng and quenes maiesties so much in lawefull monye of England, as the said person so sworne was set at or taxed to pay. And al persons, set, rated, and taxed as is aforesayd, shalbe bound and charged by the same. and the somme or sommes vpon hym set to be due towardes the payment of the sayd Subsidye and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

And also it is enacted by the same auctoryte, that euerye person, to be taxed at the same taxation as is aforesaid, shalbe rated taxed & sette and the somme on him set to be leuied at such place wher he and his family at the tyme of the same presentmente to be made, shall kepe hys house or dwellyng, or where he then shalbe moste conuersaunte abydynge and resyaunte, or shall haue his most resorte, and shalbe best knowen, at the tyme of the sayde certificate to be made, and no where els. And that no commissyoner for thys Subsidy shalbe rated or taxed for his goodes, or landes, but in the Shire and other place where he shall be commissioner. And that yf any person chargeable to thys acte, the tyme of the sayde assessyng, happen to be oute of this realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knowen, then he to be sette where he was last abydynge in thys Realme, or within Wales,

and best knowen, and after the substaũce and value, and other profits of euery person knowen, by theramination, certificate, and other maner of wyse as is aforesayde. The sayde commissioners or as many of them, as shalbe appointed by the king and quenes Maiesties commission, shall after the rate aforesayd, set and taxe euery person, accordyng to the rate of the substaunce and value of his landes, goodes, and other proffyttes, whereby the gretest and most best somme according to hys mooste substaunce, by reasonne of thys acte myghte or maye be sette or taxed.

Prouided alwaies that euery such person, whych shalbe set or taxed for payment of, & to this Subsedy, for and after the yearelye value of his landes, tenementes, and other real possessions or proffites, at the sayd taxations, shal not be sette and taxed, for his goodes, & cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, at the same taxation. And that he that shall be charged or taxed for the same Subsedy, for his goodes, cattels and other moueables at the same taxation, shall not be charged taxed or chargeable for his landes, or other real possessions, or proffits aboue sayde, at the same taxation, nor that any person be double charged for the sayde Subsedy, neither set or taxed at seuerall places, by reason of thys acte, any thing conteyned in this present act notwithstandynge.

And that it be ordeyned by the same aucthoritie of thys present parlyamente, that no person hauinge two mansions, or two places to resorte vnto, or calling hym selfe householde seruaunte, or waiting seruaunt to the kyng and quenes Maiesties, or other lord or lady, maister or maistres be excused vpon hys saying from the taxe of the sayd Subsedy in nether of the places, wher he may be set, onlesse he bring a certifycate in writinge from the commissioners, wher that he is soo sette in dede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set by reson of his remouyng or resortinge to two places, or by reson of his saying that he ells wher was taxed, or by reason of any priuilege by his dwellyng or abydynge in any place not beyng forprysed in thys acte, or otherwyse by hys couin or crafte happen to escape from the sayde taxatyons, and be not set, and that proued by presentment, examination or informatiõ before the same commyssyoners, or asmanye of them as shalbe by the same commyssion appointed, or by the Barons of the kyng and quenes maiesties eschequer, or two iustyces of the peace of the countye where such person dwelleth, then euerye suche person that by suche meanes or otherwyse wyllinglye by couine shall happen to escape from the sayde taxation or payment aforesayd, and not be rated, taxed, or sette, shalbe charged vpon the knowledge and proffe thereof, with and at the double value that he shoulde or ought to haue bene set at afore, accordynge to hys behauour, the same double value to be taxed gathered, and payed of hys goodes and cattells, landes, and tenementes, towardes the

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ſayde Subſedy, and further to be puniſhed accordyng to the diſcretyons of the barons, iuſtices and commiſſyoners before whom he ſhalbe conuycted for hys offence and deceite in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that the ſayd commyſſioners of euery commiſſion ſhall accordyng to their diuiſions and after they be deuided haue full power and aucthoritie by this act, to ſet tax and ſeſſe euery other commiſſioner ioyned with them in euery ſuch commiſſion and diuiſion. And ſhal alſo aſſeſſe euery aſſeſſoure, within their diuyſyon for hys and theyr goodes, landes, and other the premiſſes as is aboueſayd, by the whych ſayde commyſſyon the ſayde commiſſyoners, ſhal indifferently ſet taxe and ſeſſe them ſelfes and the ſayde aſſeſſours, and that aſwell the ſummes vpon euerye of the ſayde commyſſyoners, and aſſeſſoures, ſoo ſeaſſed, rated, and taxed as the ſummes made and preſented by the preſenters ſworne as is aforeſayd, ſhalbe writtenne certyfyed and eſtreated. And the eſtretes thereof to be made with other the inhabitaunts of the parties, within the limits of the ſame commiſſion and diuyſyon, ſoo to be gathered and leuyed in lyke maner as it oughte or ſhoulde haue bene, yf the ſayde commyſſyoner had not bene in the ſayd commiſſyon. And that all perſones of the eſtate of a Baron or barons, and euery eſtate aboue ſhalbe charged in their freholde and value as is aforeſayd, by the chauncellor or keper of the great Seale, Treſurer of England, lord preſident of the kyng and quenes maieſties priuy councell, and lorde priuye Seale, for the tyme beynge, or other perſons by the kyng and quenes maieſties auctoritie, to be limitted, and they to be charged for the ſayd ſeueral paimentes of the ſayde Subſedye after the forme of the ſayde graunte accordynge to the taxation aforeſayde, and the ſummes vpon them ſette wyth the names of the Collectoures appoynted for the gatherynge and paying of the ſame, to be eſtreated, delyuered, and certified at dayes and places abdue ſpecifyed, by the lorde Chauncelloure, treſorer, lord preſidēte of the councell, and lord priuy Seale for the tyme being, or ſuch other perſons, as ſhalbe limitted by the kyng and quenes maieſtyes, and after the taxes and aſſeſſes of the ſayd ſummes vpon and by the ſayde aſſeſſynge and certificate as is aforeſayd made, the ſayde commiſſioners or as many of them as ſhalbe there vnto appointed by the kynge and quenes maieſties commiſſion ſhall with al ſpede and withoute delaye, by the writinge eſtreted of the ſayd taxe thereof, vnder the Seale and ſignes manuell of the ſayd commiſſyoners, or of as manye of them as ſhall be appointed at ỹ leſt to be made, ſhalbe deliuered vnto ſufficient & ſubſtantial inhabitauntes conſtables, ſubconſtables, Baylyffes, and other officers, ioyntly of hundredes, townes, parſhes and other places aforeſayde, within their limittes, or to other ſufficyente perſonnes inhabytauntes of the ſame onely by the diſcretion of the ſame commiſſioners,

tioners, and as the place and parties shal requyre, aswel the perticuler names as surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of monye, taxed and sette of and vpon euery person aswell man as woman chargeable to this acte, householder and al other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayd paryshes, townes, and places contributory to this acte of Subsedye. By aucthoritie of which writing or estreate, soo delyuered, the sayde offycers and other personnes so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte immediatelye after the delyuerye of the sayde wrytynge or estreate, to demaunde leuye and gather of euery person therein specified, the sūme or Summes in the same writinge or estreate comprised. And for none paymente thereof to distreine the same personne or personnes soo beynge behinde by theyr goodes and cattels. And the dystresses soo taken to kepe by the space of eyght daies at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayd owner do not paye such summe of monye as shalbe taxed by thys acte within the same viii. dayes, then the same distresse to be appraysed by foure, three, or two of the inhabitauntes where such distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayde cōstable and other collectoure for the paymente of the sayde monye, and the ouerplus commyng of the sale and kepynge therof yf anye be, to be immediatelye restored to the owner of the same distresse which sayd offycers and other personnes, soo deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuye the sayde Summes, shall answere and be charged for the portion onelye to them assigned or limitted, to be gathered, leuied and comprysed in the sayde wrytynge or estreate to them as is beforesaid deliuered, to thuse of our Soueraygne Lady the Quenes Maiestie, and her heires and successoures. And the sayd summe in that writing or estreat comprysed to pay vnto the high collectour or collectours of that place for ꝑ collection of the same in maner and forme vnderwritten, therevnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabytauntes and offycers soo gatherynge the same perticuler summes, for theyr collection therof shal retayne for euerye twenty shillinges, so by them receued and paid two pence, and that to be allowed at the paimente of their collection by thē to be made, by the hygh collector or collectours:

And further be it enacted by the sayde aucthoritie, that the sayde commissyoners or the more parte of them as shal take vpon them thexecution and besynes of the sayde commyssyon, shall for the same paimēt of the sayde subsedy, name such suffycient and able persons, which thē shal haue and possesse landes and other hereditamentes, in their owne right of the yerely value of twenty poundes, or goodes to the value of two hundred markes at the least, and the personnes seuerallye by the dyscresions of the same commissyoners, in shires, ridinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporat, and otherwhatsoeuer places

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awel w̄in places priuileged as without, not beinge forprised within this act to be high collectors, & haue the collection and receipt of ꝑ said summes set & leuable within the precinct, limit, and bonds wher they shalbe so limitted to gather and receiue. So euery of the whych collectors so seuerally named the said cōmissioners or two of them at ꝑ lest shal w̄ al spede and without delay after the said whole sūme of the said subsedy, be set by al the limits of the same theyr comission, or in suche limits as the high collectors shalbe so seuerally assigned, shal vnder their seales, and signes manuel deliuer one estreat indented in perchmente to euery of the said high collectors, comprysing in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leuy the sayde perticuler summes, and the summes of euery hundred, wapentake towne or other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable according to the estrete so first therof made as is aforesaid, and deliuered, and the collectours so to be assigned, shalbe charged to answer the hole summe comprysed in the said estreat limitted to his collection as is aforesayd.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd that the sayd commissioners hauing auctoritie by this acte to name & nominate the sayd high collectors of the sayde subsedye, shal immediatly vpon the nomination and election take by authoritie of this preset parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without any fee or rewarde to be payde therefore of euerye person so by them to be named to be high collectours, to be bounde to the kynge and quenes maiesties, in double summe of the summe of his collectiō and to be indorced and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collectiō of ꝑ same paiment of the sayd subsedy, that yf the said collector his heyres or executors do truelye content and pay to the vse of the quenes maiestie, her heyres or executors, in receipt of the said eschequer before the said .xxiiii. daye of June next coming, so muche of the sayd summe of mony allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and contente and paye the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected ꝑ same residue, that then the sayde recognysaunce or obligation to be voyd, or els to stand in full strength and vertue, which sayde recognysaunces or obligations so taken, the sayd commissioners shal seuerallye certyfy and deliuer into the king and quenes maiesties eschequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayde taxations and rates of the payments of the sayd subsedy, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this acte, for the certificate of the taxation of the sayd subsedy, vpon payne of forfeyture of .x. poundes to the kyng and quenes Maiestyes, for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified, and that euery such collector so elected named and chosen, vpon request to hym made shal knowlege & make the sayd recognisaūce or obligation, vpō like pain of forfeiture of .x. poūds to the king & quenes maiestie for ꝑ refusal therof.

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And euery such collectour so deputed hauinge the said estreate in perchment as is aforesayd, shall haue auctoritie by this act, to appoint daies and places within the circuit of his collection for the paiment of ỳ said subsedy to him to be made, and thereof to geue warninge by proclamation or otherwyse to all the sayd constables or other persons or inhabitaunts, hauing the charg of the perticuler collectiõ within the hundredes, parishes, townes, or other places by him or them limitted to make payment for theyr sayde pertyculer collection of euery summe as to the shal apertayne, and if at the saide daye and place so limitted & prefixed by the sayd collectoure, the said constable, officer, or other persons or inhabitauntes as is beforesayd, for the said perticuler collection appointed & assigned within such hundred, citie, towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the sayd collectours the sũme within theyr seueral hundredes townes, parishes, and other places due & compised in the sayd estreate therof to them deliuered by the sayd comissioners or some of them as is aforesayd, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued. iiid of euery pounde, for the said perticuler collection as is beforesayde, alwayes to be thereof allowed, excepted, and abated, that then it shal be lawefull to the said high collectours and euery of them, and to theyr assignes, to distraine euery of the sayde constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes, for theyr said seueral and perticuler collections of the said summes compised in the said estreate and writting therof, to them and euery of thẽ, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as much of the same summe as so then shal happen to be gathered and leuied, and be behind and vnpayd by the goodes & cattels of euery of them so being behynd and the distres so taken, to be kept, appraised, and sold as is aforesaid & therof to take and leuy the summes so then being behind and vnpayd, and the ouerplus coming of the sale of the saide distres if any be, to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes that no person inhabiting in any citie borough or towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessour or collectour, of or for any part of the said subsedy, in any place or places out of the said citie, borough, or towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it also by the said auctoritie enacted, ỳ if any inhabytaunte or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection or receypt of any parte or portion of the sayd Subsedy, by any maner of meanes according to this acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper, gardian, deputy, factour, or attorney, of or for anye other person or personnes, of anye goodes and cattelles of the owner thereof at the tyme of the sayd assessyng to be made, beyng out of this realme, or in anye other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes and cattels of anye other person or personnes, of any corporation, fraternity, misterye, or other whatsoeuer cominaltye, beynge incorporate, or not incorporate, and all personnes hauing in theyr rule, gouernaũce

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and custody any goodes or cattells at the tyme of the saide assessing to be made or which for any cause for and by collection, or for him selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custodye of any goodes, or cattels of any other person or persons, corporation, cominalty, or fraternitie, guyld, or mistery, or any such other like, or as factoure deputie or attorney of or for any person, shalbe taxed. rated valued, & set to any summe or summes by reasonne of this acte, & after the taxation or assessing vpon ani such person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place wher he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattels be so eloined, or in such pryuye and couerte maner kepte as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estretes or other wrytynges from the sayde commissioners, or almany of them as shalbe therunto apointed by the sayde commission as is aforesayde, can ne maye leuye the same summe or summes compassed within the same estreates by distres within ỹ lymites of theyr collection as aforesaid, or cannot sel such distres or distresses as be taken for any of the same paymentes, before the time limitted to the high collectoure for hys paymente to be made in the kynge and Quenes maiestyes receipte, then vpon relation therof made, with due examination by the oth or exampynation of such personne or personnes, as shalbe charged with or for the receypte or collection of the same before the sayde commissioners, or as manye of them as by the sayde commission shalbe therevnto apoynted, where such personne or personnes, or other as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattells were set and taxed and vpon playne certificate thereof made in the kyng and quenes maiesties escheker by the same comissioners, as wel of the dwellinge place names, and summes of the sayde personnes of whom the sayd summes cannot be lenyed and had as is aforesayde, then as wel the constables & other inhabitauntes apointed for the said perticuler collection against the high collectours, as the high collector vpon his account and oth in the sayde escheker to be discharged thereof, and proces to be made for the kyng and quenes maiesties out of the sayd escheker, by the discretion of the Barons of the said escheker agaynst such person his heires or executours, so being behind with his payment, and ouer that the same commissioners to whom anye such declaration of the premysses shalbe made in forme aforesaid, from time to time shal haue ful power and auctoritie to directe their precepte or precepts vnto the sayd person or persons charged with any sũme, of for or vpon any such person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any sherif, steward, balif, or other whatsoeuer officer minister, person or persons of such place or places wher any such persõ or persons so owing such sũme or sũmes shal haue lãdes and tenemẽts, or other hereditamẽts or royal possessions, goodes, & cattels whereby anye such person or persons so indetted, his heires executors,

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or assignes or other haunynge the custodye, gouernaunce, or disposityon, of any goodes cattells, lands, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, which oughte or maye, by this acte lawefully be distreined or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattells, landes, tenementes, or other possessions whereof such summe or summes, whych by any suche persone or personnes maye or oughte to be leuied, be it within the lymyttes of suche commission where such person or personnes was and were taxed, or without, within anye place wythin thys Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the queenes Maiesties dominyons, marches or territors, by whiche precepte as well such person or persons, as shalbe charged to leuye such monye, as thofficers of the place or places where such distres maye be taken, shall haue ful power and aucthoritie to distraine euerye suche person indetted, charged and chargeable by thys acte, or his executours or admynystratoures of hys goodes and cattells, hys gardyans, factoures, deputyes, lesses, fermers, and assignes, and all other personnes, by whose handes or oute of whose landes anye suche person shoulde haue rente, fee, annuitie, or other profytte, or whyche at the tyme of the sayd assessings shal haue goodes or cattels or anye other thynge moueable, or any such person or perons beynge indetted or owynge suche summe, and the distresses so taken, caused to be kepte, apprayled, and solde, in lyke maner and forme as is aforesayd, for the distresse to be taken vpon suche persō to be taxed to the sayd subsedy, & being sufficiente to distraine w̄in the lymyts of the collectours, inhabytaunts, or other offycers, charged with or for the same sūmes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any such distres for none paymente happen to be taken oute of the limit of the sayd persons charged and assigned to leuye the same, the person so charged for the leuye of euery suche summe by dystresse, shall perceaue and take of the sayde dystres for the laboure of euerye person goyng for thexecution thereof, for euery myle that anye suche person so laboureth for the same two pence, and euerye fermoure, tenaunt, gardian, factor, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distreyned or otherwyse charged for paymēt of anye such sūme or sūms or anye other sumes by reasonne of thys acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquyted at his nexte daye of paymente of the same, or at the delyuerye of suche goodes and cattells as he that is so distrayned had in hys custody and gouernaunce agaynst him or them that shalbe soo taxed and sette, any graunte or writinge obligatorye or other whatsoeuer matter to the cō trarye made heretofore not withstandynge.

And yf anye such person that shoulde be so distreyned haue noo landes or tenemenees sufficyente whereby he or hys tenauntes and fermoures maye be distrayned, or hath aloined, aliened or hyd his goodes and cattells whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in such maner

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that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe of or by him to be paid in the sayde fourme, shall ne canne be conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof vnto the commyssyoners, or to as many of them as by the sayd commission shalbe therevnto appoynted, where such person or persons was taxed and sette, by the othes of him or them that shalbe charged with the leuye and payemente of that summe or summes, the same commissioners shall make a precept in suche maner as is aforesayd, for to attach, take, & arrest the bodye of such person or personnes that oughte to paye the sayde summes, and by this acte shall be charged with and for the sayde summe and summes, and theim so taken, safelye to kepe in prison within the Shyre or other place, where any such person or personnes shall be taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynprice, vntyl he haue payde the same summe or summes that such persons for him selfe or for anye other by thys acte shall be charged or oughte to be charged wythall, and also for the fees of euery such arreste to hym or them that shall execute suche precepte twentye pence, and that euerye officer vnto whome suche precepte shalbe directed, do his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so beyng indetted, vpon payne to forfeyt to the kyng and Quenes maiesties, for euery defaulte in that behalfe twenty shillinges and that no keper of any gayle, from his gaole suffer any suche personne to go at large by lettinge to bayle, or otherwyse to departe oute of hys prison before he haue payd hys sayde det, and the saide .xx. pence, for the sayd arrest, vpon payne to forfeyte to the king and queenes maiestyes, forty shyllynges, and the same gayler to pay vnto the kinge and Queenes maiesties, the double value as well of the rate whiche the sayd personne so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the sayde .xx. pence for the fees, and like proceese and remedye in like fourme shall be graunted by the sayd commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayd commission shal be there vnto appointed at like informacion of euery person or persons, beyng charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons, by reason of the sayd Subsedye, and not thereof payde, but wylfully withdrawen, ne the same leuiable within the limites where suche persons were therevnto taxed, and if the summe or summes beynge behynde vnpayde by any person or personnes, as is aforesayde, be leuyed and gathered by force of the sayde proces to be made by the sayde commissioners, or if in defaulte or for lacke of payemente thereof, the person or persones so owynge the sayde summe or summes of money, by proces of the same commissioners to be made as is aforesayde, be commytted to prison in fourme abouesayde, that then the same commissioners whiche shall awarde suche proces, shall make certificate thereof in the sayde eschequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses in the terme nexte folowynge, after suche summe or summes of money soo beyng behind

shalbe leuied and gathered, or suche person or personnes for none payemente of the same committed to prysonne. And if it happen anye of the sayde collectoures to be assigned, or any mayer, sheriffe, steward, constable, the headborough, householder, baylif, or any other officer or mynister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the sayde commissioners, or any of them, at the reasonable request to them made by the sayd commissioners, for execution of the sayd commission, or if anye of the offycers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertayne and belonge to do, by reason of any prycepte to him or them to be dyrected, or anye reasonable commaundemente, instaunce, or requeste touchinge the premisses or other defaulte in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or if any person being suspecte or not, to be indifferently taxed as is aforesayde, do refuse to be examined accordinge to the tenoure of thys acte, before the sayde commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto assigned as is aforesayde, or wyll not appere before the same commissioners, vpon warninge to him made, or els make relystaunce or resques vpon any distres vpon him to be taken, for any percell of the sayde Subsedie, or committe any misbehauor in anye maner of wyse contrary to this acte or committe any wylfull omyssyon or other whatsoeuer wylfull, not doyng or misdoinge contrary to the tenour of thys acte or graunt, the same commissioners and euerye nomber of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any suche misdemenours had by informacion or examination, shall and maye set vpon euery such offender for euery suche offence in name of a fyne by the same offender to be forfeyted .xl.s. or vnder, by the dyscretion of the same commissioners. And further the same commyssyoners and euery number of them, or two of them at the leaste, shall haue auctoritie by this present acte, to punyshe euery such offender by imprisonment, there to remayne and be delyuered by theyr discretion, as shall seme to them conuenient, the sayd fynes if anye such be, to be certyfyed by the sayde commissioners that so assessed the same into the kynge and quenes maiesties eschequer, there to be leuied and payde by the collectoures of that partes for the sayde Subsedye returned into the sayde eschequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde subsedye, in suche maner, as if the sayd fynes had ben set and taxed vppon the sayd offenders for the sayd Subsedye.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this parliamente, that euery of the said highe collectours, which shall accoumpt for any parte of the sayde Subsedye in the sayde Eschequer vpon theyr sayde seuerall accoumptes to be yelded, shalbe allowed at euerye of the sayd payementes of the sayd Subsedye, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche collectoure shalbe charged and yelde accoumpt: sixe pence, as percell of theyr charge, that is to saye, of euerye pounde

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therof for ſuch perſons as then haue had the perticuler collection in the townes and other places as is aforeſayd, ſpecified in his collection two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde therof, euery of the ſayde theiſe collectoures theyr accoumptauntes to reteyne to theyr owne vſe for theyr labour and charge, in and about the premiſſes, and two pence of euery pound reſydue to be delyuered, allowed, and paid by the ſayde collectoures ſo beynge thereof allowed, to ſuche of the commyſſyoners as ſhall take vpon them the buſines and labour, for and aboute the premiſſes, that is to ſaye, euerye collectoure to paye that comiſſioner or comiſſioners which hadde the orderynge of the writinges, of, and for the ſayd Subſedye, where the ſaid collectoure or collectoures had their collection, for expences of the ſaid commiſſioner ſoo taken vpon them the ſayd buſines and laboure of theyr clerkes, writinge the ſayde preceptes and eſtreates for the ſayd collections, the ſame laſt two pence of euerye pounde to be deuided amongeſt the ſayde commyſſioners, hauynge regarde to theyr labour and buſynes, taken by them or theyr ſayd clerkes in and aboute the premiſſes, for the which part ſo to the commiſſioners atteyning, the ſayd commiſſioners, ſixe, fiue, foure, three, or as manye of them as ſhall be therunto appointed by the kyng and Queenes Maieſties commiſſion, and euery of them ioyntlye and ſeuerally for hys and theyr ſayd part, may haue his remedy agaynſt the ſayde collectoure or collectours, which therof ben and might haue ben allowed by action of debte, in the which the defendaunt ſhal not wage his lawe, neither protection, neither iniunction, or other eſſoigne ſhall be allowed. And that no perſon nowe beyng of the number of the companye of thys preſente parlyamente, nor anye commyſſyoner, ſhalbe named or aſſygned to be any collectour or ſubcollectour, or preſentoure, of the ſayd ſubſedy, or of any parte therof, nor no commiſſioners ſhall be compelled to make any preſentment or certificate, other then in the kinge and queenes maieſties ſayd eſcheker, of, for or concernynge the ſaid ſubſedy or any part therof, and likewiſe that none other perſon that ſhall be named or aſſygned to be comiſſioners in any place, to and for the execution of this act of ſubſedy, be or ſhalbe aſſigned or named head collectoures of any of the paymentes of the ſayd ſubſedye, neither of any part thereof. And that euery ſuch perſon or perſons which ſhalbe named and apointed as is afore ſaid to be hed collectors of ꝑ ſaid ſubſedy, or for any part therof, & euery of thē be & ſhalbe acquited & diſcharged of all maner fees rewards, & of euery other charges in the kyng and Quenes Maieſties Eſchequer, or els where, of them or any of them by reaſon of that collection, paimēts or accoumptes, or anye thinge concernynge the ſame, to be aſked, and that yf anye perſonne receaue and take anye fees, rewardes, or pleaſures of anye ſuche accoumptante, that then he ſhal forfeite to the kyng and Quenes maieſtie, for euery peny or value of penye ſo taken, twen-

tye pence, and suffer imprisonment at the kyng and quenes Maiesties pleasure, and after the taxinge and sealynge of the sayde Subsedye, as is aforesayde, had and made, and the sayde estreates thereof in parchement vnto the collectoures in maner and fourme before rehearsed delinered, the sayde commissioners whiche shall take vpon them thexecution of thys acte, within the limittes of theyr commission by theyr agrementes, shall haue metynge together, at which metynge euerye of the sayde commissioners which then shall haue taken vpon them thexecution of anye parte of the sayde commyssyon, shal by him selfe, or by hys sufficyente deputye, truelye certifye and bringe forthe vnto the sayde commissioners named in the sayde commission, the certificate and presentmente made before hym, and suche other Commissyoners as were limitted with him in one limit, so that the same certificate maye be accompted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes with in the same commyssyon, and then the sayde commyssyoners and euery number of them vnto two at the leaste, as is aforesayde, yf anye be in lyfe, or theyr executours or admynistratours of theyr goodes, yf they be then dede, shall ioyntlye and severallye, as they were deuyded within theyr limits, vnder their seales by theyr discretion, make one or seuerall writynges, indented, conteynynge in it as well the names of the sayde collectoures by the commissioners, for sach collection and accoumpt in the eschequer, and payemente in the sayde receypte, deputed and assygned, as the grosse and seuerall Summes writtten vnto euerye such collectoure to receaue the sayde Subsedye. And also all fynes, amercyamentes, and other forfeytures, yf any suche by reason of this acte happen to be within the precincte and limitte of theyr commyssyon, to be certifyed vnto the kyng and queenes maiesties sayde eschequer, by the sayde commissioners, in which writinge or writinges indented soo to be certified, shalbe playnely declared and expressed, the hole and entyre Summe or Summes of the sayd Subsedye, severally limytted to the collection of the sayde collectoure, seuerallye deputed and assygned to the collection of the sayde Summes, soo that none of the sayde collectoures so certified in the sayde Eschequer, shall be compelled there to accompte, or to be charged but onelye to and for the summe lymytted to his collection, and not to or for anye summe limitted to the collection of his felowe, but that euery of them shall be seuerallye charged for theyr parte limitted to theyr collection.

And if the sayd commissioners ioyned in one commissyon amongest them selfes in that matter cannot agre, or yf anye of them be not redye or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commyssyoners. That then the same commissioners maye make seuerall indentures in fourme aforesayde, of theyr seuerall limittes, or sperations of Collectoures, within the limytetes of theyr commission, vppon and in the hun

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dredes, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other like diuisi ons within theyr sayde seuerall lymyttes of theyr commyssyon, as the places there shall requyre, to be seuered and deuyded, & as to the same commyssioners shall seme good to make deuissions of their limits or collectyons for the seuerall charges of the same Collectoures. So that alwaye one Collectoure shalbe charged and accoumpte for his parte to hym to be limitted onely by hym selfe and not for any Summe lympt ted to the parte of any of his felowes, and the charges of euerye of the collectours to be set and certified seuerally vpon them, and euerye such collectoure, vpon hys accompt and payment of the Somme of monye symitted within hys collection to be seuerallye by hym selfe, acquyted and dyscharged in the sayde eschequer, withoute payinge anye maner fees, or rewardes, to anye personne or personnes for the same vpon the payne and penaltye laste abouesayde, and not be charged for anye portion of anye other collectoure. And yf anye Commyssyoner after he hath taken certificate of them, that as is aforesayde, shall before anye such commissioner be examined, and the Summes rated and sette and the bokes and wrytynges thereof beynge in hys handes, or yf any collectoure, or other person charged with any receipte of any parte of the said subsedy, or any other person tared, or otherwise by this act charged with and for anye percell of the sayde Subsedye, or with anye other Summes, or fynes, amerciamentes, penalty, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the Commissioner Collectoure or other whatsoeuer person or personnes haue executed accomplyshed, satisfyed, or sufficientlye discharged, that whych to euerye such personne shall appertayne or belonge to doo accordynge to thys acte, then the executours and heyres of euery such person, and al other sealed of anye landes, or tenementes, that anye such person beyng charged by thys act and deceassing before he be dyscharged thereof, or anye other to hys vse, onelye had of estate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that anye suche personne was named commissioner, collectoure, or otherwyse charged with and for anye maner of thinge to be done, satisfyed, or payde by reasonne of thys acte, and al those that haue in theyr possessions or handes, anye goodes, or cattells that were to anye suche personne at the tyme of hys death, or anye landes, or tenementes, that were the same personnes at the tyme he was as is aforesayd, charged by this acte, shalbe by the same, compelled and charged to do and accomplyshe in euery case as the same person soo beyng charged shoulde haue done and myght haue bene compelled to do yf he had bene in playne lyfe, after suche rate of the landes, and goodes of the sayde commissioner or collectoure as the partye shall haue in hys handes. And yf the sayde Commyssyoners for causes reasonable them mouynge shall thynke it not conuenyent to ioyne in one certyfycate as aforesayde, then the sayde person or personnes that shall firste ioine

together, or he that shall fyrst certifye the sayde writynge indented (as is aforesayde) shall certifye all the names of the commissioners of that commission, wherupon such writinges shalbe there then to be certifyed, with the diuision of the hundreds, wapentakes, wardes, tithings or other places, to and amonge suche commissioners of the same commission where suche seperations and diuysyon shalbe, with the grosse Sommes of monye aswell of and for the sayde Subsedye, tared or set of or within the sayde hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places, to hym or them deuyded or assigned, that shall soo certifye the sayd fyrste writinge, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penaltyes, or other forfeitures, (yf anye happen to be) within the same lymyttes whereof the same writynges shalbe certifyed, and after suche writynges indented whych as is aforesayde, shalbe certified, and not conteine in it the hole and full Summes set and tared within the lymyttes of the same commyssyon, thother commissioners of the same before the day of paiment of the sayde Subsedye, shall certifye into the sayde eschequer, by theyr writynge or writinges, indented to be made as is aforesaid, the grosse and seuerall Summes set and tared within the places, to them lymitted, for the sayde Subsedye, and other fynes, amercyamentes, penaltyes, and forfeytures, with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places, to them assigned, or ells by theyr sayd writinges indented to certifye at the sayd place before the sayd day of paiemente, suche reasonable causes, for their excuses, whye they maye not make suche certificate of and for the sayde Subsedye, whyche fynes amercyamentes, and other forfeytures growynge or sette by reason of the causes of their lettes or of their none certifiyng as is abouesayd, or ells in defaulte thereof proces to be made oute of the kyng and quenes maiesties sayde Escheker, agaynste the sayd commyssyoners, and euerye of them not makinge certificate, as is aforesayde, by the dyscretion of the tresurer or Barons of the sayd eschequer.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that the inhabitauntes of the paryshe of Saynte Martynne called Stamforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the burroughe and towne of Stamforde, in the South parte of the water there called Wellande, whych hereafter shalbe contributorye to the paymente of this presente Subsedye, graunted to the quenes maiestie, her heires and successours shalbe assessed, rated, and tared for thys tyme by suche commyssyoners, whych shalbe appointed for the taxynge, ratynge, and sessynge of suche Subsedye or taxe within the countye of Lyncolne, and shal be for this tyme contrybutorye, and paye the sayde Subsedye, to the collectoure or collectoures, whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuyinge and gatheryng of the same, with the aldermen and burges of the said boroughe and towne of Stamforde,

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Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that all and euery person and personnes, hauynge manoures, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, chargeable to the paymente of the Subsedye, graunted to the Quenes Maiestie, by this acte, and also hauynge spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayde Maiestye, by the graunte made by the cleargye of thys Realme, in this their conuocation, and ouer thys hauynge substaunce in goodes, and cattells, chargeable by thys sayd acte, that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged assessed and taxed for the sayde manoures, landes and tenements, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged & taxed for his or theyr goodes, or cattels, that then he or they shalbe onelye charged by vertue of thys acte, for hys and their sayde manoures, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or spirituall possessions, or onelye for hys sayde goodes, and cattels, the beste thereof to be taken for the quenes Maiestie and not to be charged for both, or double charged for anye of them, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary in anye wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouyded alwayes that thys graunt of Subsedye, nor anye thing therein conteyned, in any wise extende to charge the inhabitauntes, or dwellers within Ireland, Jernesey, and Garnesey, or anye of them, of or concernyng any manoures, landes, tenementes, or other possessions goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the sayde inhabytauntes or dwellers or anye other to their vse haue within Ireland, Jernesey, and Garneseye, or in anye of them, or of for or concernynge anye fees, or wages, whych anye of the sayde inhabytauntes, or dwellers haue of the kinge and Queenes Maiesties, for there attendaunce, and doynge seruyce to oure sayd soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, in Irelande, Jerneseye and Garneseye, or in anye of them, anye thyng in this presente acte, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstandynge.

Prouyded also that thys present acte of Subsedye, ne anye thynge therein conteyned, extende to anye of the Englyshe inhabytauntes, or resiauntes, in anye of the counties of Northumberlande, Cumberland Westmerlande, the towne of Barwycke the towne of Newecastell vpon tyne, and the Byshopricke of Durham, nor to anye of them of for or concernynge any manoures, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattells or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same Inhabytauntes, or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within the sayde countyes of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, or the towne of Barwicke, the towne of Newecastell vpon Tyne, or the Byshoprike of Durham, or anye of them, or of for and concernynge any fees, or wages, whiche anye of the sayde Inhabytauntes or dwellers haue of the kynge and Queenes Maiestyes, for their attendaunce and doinge seruyce to the kynge and Queenes maiesties, for or

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within the sayde counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Barwycke, the towne of Newecastell vpon tyne, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or anye of them, to or for the sayde taxynge, leuying, gatherynge or paynente, but that the englishe inhabitauntes, and reliauntes, and euerye of them of the said counties Bysshoprycke, and townes, and euerye of them, shalbe of and from the sayde Subsedye, and euerye perell thereof, and for their manoures, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattells, lyinge and beynge in the sayde counties, townes, and Bysshoprycke, or anye of them vtterlye acquited and discharged. Any thing in this present acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also that all letters patentes, graunted by the kynge or queenes maiestie or anye of her most noble progenitoures, to anye Cyties, Burroughes, or townes, within thys Realme, of anye maner lybertyes, pryuileges or exemptions from the burden and charge of anye suche graunt of Subsedyes, which be at thys present time in force and vayleable, shall remaine good and effectuall, to the sayd Cytyes, Burroughes, and townes, hereafter, accordynge to the purportes thereof, thoughe the inhabytauntes of the same, shall vpon the gret and weighty consyderatyon of the graunt aforesayd, be for thys graunte charged and contributorye, in lyke maner, fourme and sort as other Cities, burroughes, and townes whych be not in anye wyse pryuileged, be from such graunt of Subsedye excepted.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no Diphant or Infant within the age of .xxi. yeare, borne within anye of the quenes maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to anye paymente of thys Subsedye, for hys or her goodes and cattells, to hym or her lefte or bequethed. Any thing in this acte conteined to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

Prouided also that thys acte nor any thing therein conteined, shall extende to the goodes or landes of the colledge, Hall, or Ostell, wythin the vniuersities of Oxenforde and Cambrydge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the college of Wynton founded by Bysshoppe Wyckeham, or to the goodes or Landes of the college of Eton, nexte Wyndesore, or to the goodes or Landes, of anye free gramer scoole, within the realme of Englande or Wales, or to the goodes of anye reder, Scolemaysster, or scoller, within the sayde vniuersities and colledges, or anye of them, there remaynyng for studye, without fraude or couyn, or to the goodes and landes of anye Hospyeall, mealonde we or Spittelhouse prepared and vsed for the sustentation and releise of pore people. Any thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary in anye wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that

forasmuch as diuers and sondrye the kynges and Quenes Maiesties tenauntes and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Breckenocke, Radnoure, Mongomery, Denbigh, Flynt, Merioneth, Angleseye, Carnaruan, and of the countye palantine of Chester, be at thys presente tyme charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of dyuers grete summes of monye by the name of Myse, due to their maiestyes, accordynge to the seuerall customes of the sayde countyes, for the paymente whereof diuers and sondrye the gentlemen and other the inhabitauntes, be, and stande bounden to theyr hyghnes. And that also there doo remayne yet vnpayde in diuerse of the sayde dominions and countye palantyne, the Subsedye graunted to the kynge and Quenes maiesties.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by thaucthoritye aforesayde, that thys acte of Subsedye, or anye thinge therein conteyned, shal not extende to charge any of the kynge and Quenes tenauntes and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within anye of the saide countyes of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Breckenocke, Radnoure, Mongomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and the countye palantyne of Chester, beynge charged or chargeable wyth the sayde Myse, for, or in anye of the paymentes of the sayde Subsedy. graunted to the kynge and Quenes Maiesties by this acte, vntyll the seuerall dayes and tymes appointed and agreed for the paiment of the sayde Myse, shall be expired. And likewise the dayes and tymes of the sayd Subsedye latelye graunted to oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye be past and expired. And that then the paiment of the sayde Subsedye graunted by this presente acte, shall be made at the receipte of the kynges and queenes Eschequer, before the fyrst daye of Marche next folowynge, after the dayes appointed for the latter paymente to be made of the sayde myses, and also of the payment of the sayd former Subsedye.

Furthermore be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that ẏ tenants and dwellers of euery of the sayd counties in this prouyso remembred, shall seuerallye before the feast of Penthecost nexte ensuynge, certify in the sayd courte of Eschequer, vnder the seales of two Justices of peace of euerye the sayde counties, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what day the laste paymente of the sayde seuerall mises, nowe due in anye of the sayde counties shall ende and expyre.

Prouyded also, that the sayde graunte of Subsedye, or anye other thinge therein conteyned, doo not in anye wyse extende to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to the inhabytauntes or resyauntes at thys presente tyme, within the fyue portes, or to anye of theyr members, incorporate or vnited to the same fyue portes, or to anye of the same fyue portes, of

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or for any parte or percell of the sayde Sommes graunted in this parliament, of the sayd inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, asked, leuied, or payde, but the sayd inhabitauntes, and resyauntes in the sayde fyue portes, and theyr members, be and shall be, of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsedy during their resiaunce there, and no lenger, clerelye acquited and discharged, any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this presente acte hadde or made to the contrary notwithstandynge.

God saue the kynge and Queene.

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